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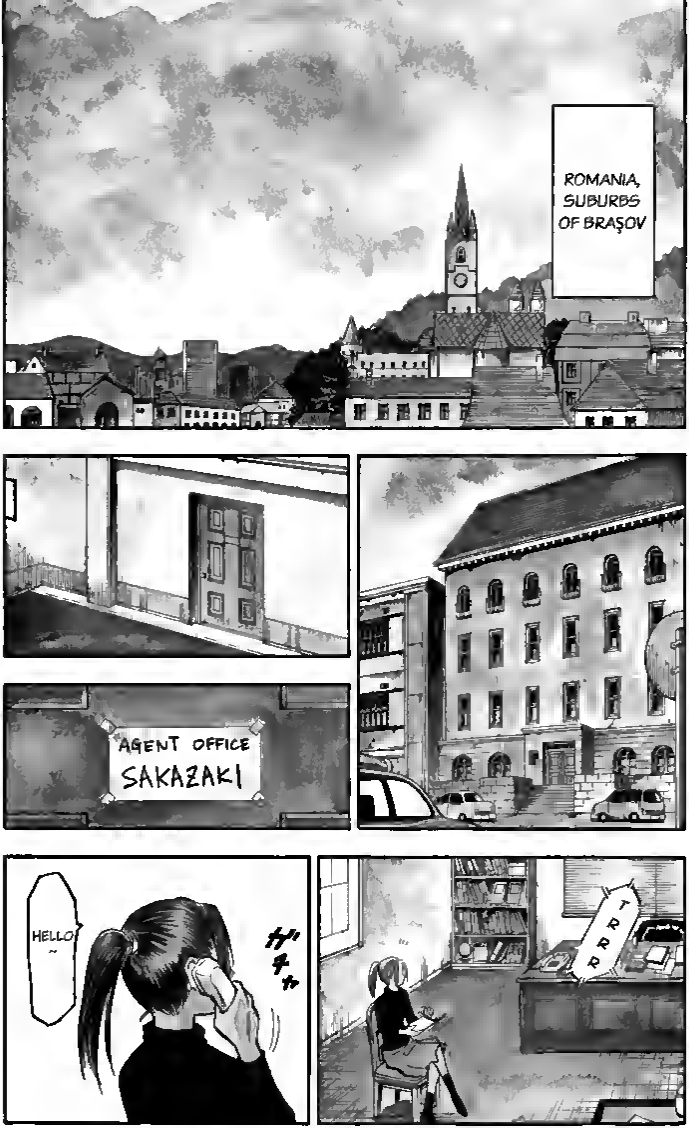
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SUBURBS
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AGENT OFFICE
SAKAZAKI
HELLO
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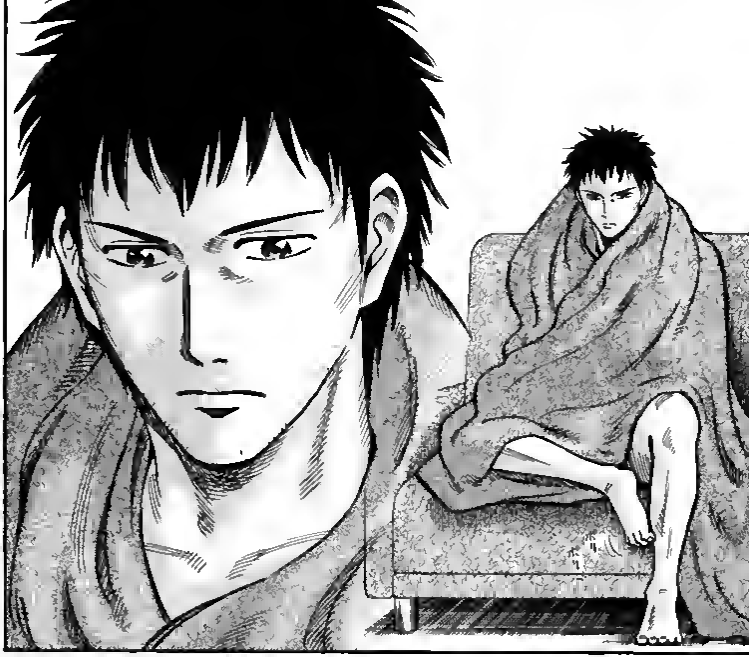
TRRR

OKAY, A JOB, IS IT?
YES, HE'S HERE
AHH MATSUMOTO-SAN?
KATSURAGI SHINO
MMM...
YEAH...
YOU'VE GOT A JOB!!
MATSUMOTO-SAN WAKE UP PLEASE
BRASOV CLUBHOUSE TRAINING FIELD...
Brasov club
YES, I'LL TAKE HIM RIGHT AWAY.



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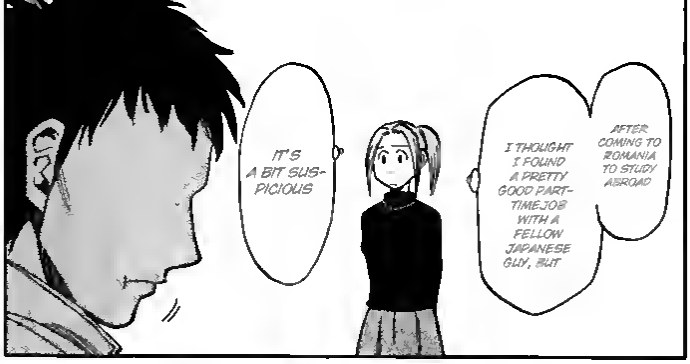
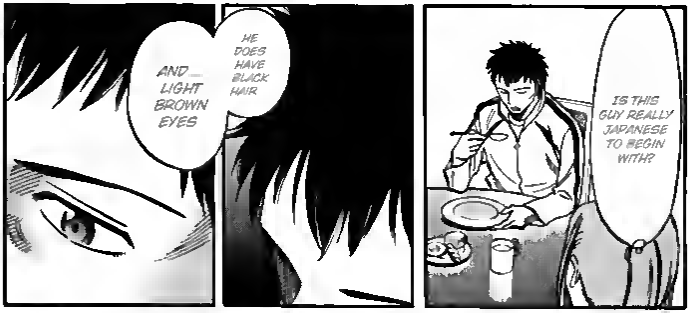
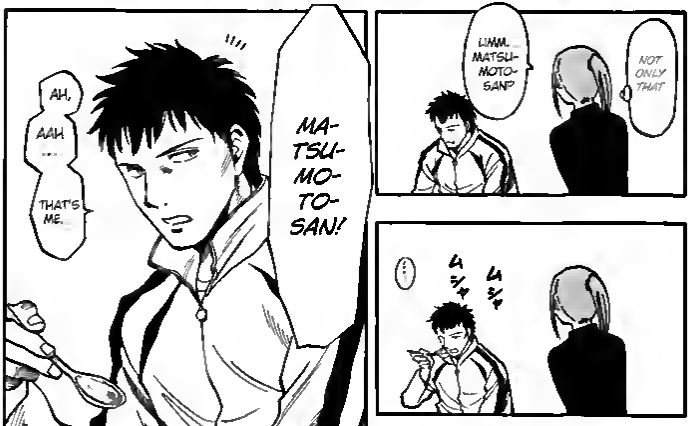
COME ON, HURRY AND WASH UP!!
AND GO SHAVE, TOO!!
I PREPARED A MEAL AREADY !!


AFTER COMING TO ROMANIA TO STUDY ABROAD
I THOUGHT I FOUND A PRETTY GOOD PART-TIME JOB WITH A FELLOW JAPANESE GUY, BUT
IT'S A BIT SUSPICIOUS


IS THIS GUY REALLY JAPANESE TO BEGIN WITH?
HE DOES HAVE BLACK HAIR
AND... LIGHT BROWN EYES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UHM. MATSUMOTO-SAN?
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AH, AAH... THAT'S ME.
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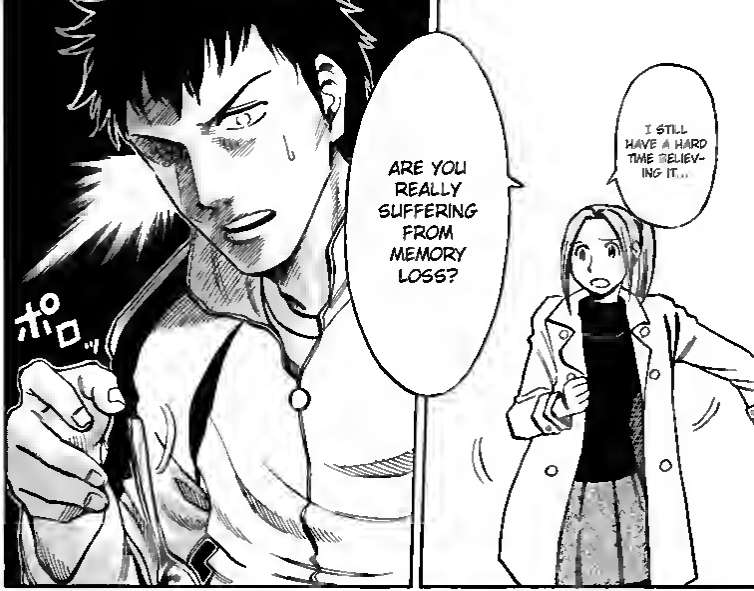
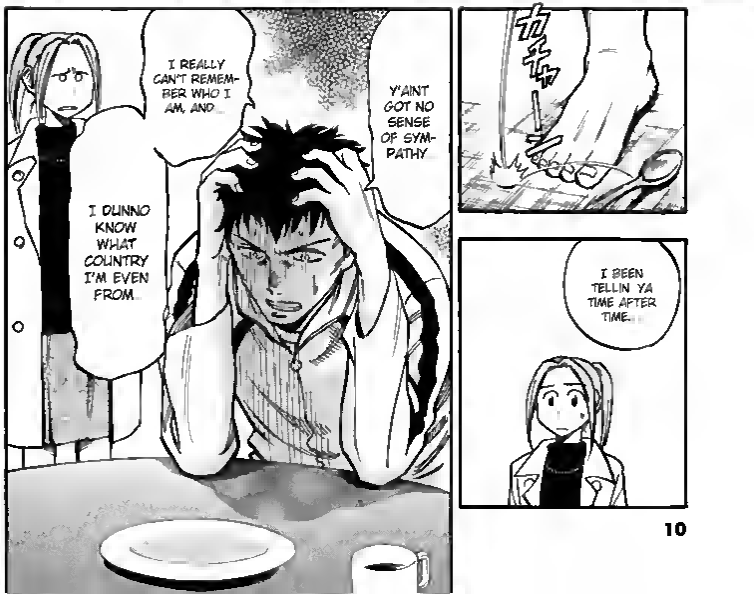

I STILL HAVE A HARD TIME BELIEV-ING IT...
ARE YOU REALLY SUFFERING FROM MEMORY LOSS?
ホロ…


I REALLY CAN'T REMEM-BER WHO I AM, AND...
Y'AINT GOT NO SENSE OF SYM-PATHY
I DUNNO KNOW WHAT COUNTRY I'M EVEN FROM.
カチャ
I BEEN TELLIN YA TIME AFTER TIME...

SHOOT... I ENDED UP RESPONDING WITH A KANSAI ACCENT
THAT AIN'T PROPER KANSAI-DIALECT, Y'KNOW!!
YOU CAN'T CALL THAT JAPANESE, RIGHT?
I CAN'T EVEN USE CHOP-STICKS PROP-ERLY
"JAPANESE" IS JUST MY FAKE NATIONAL-ITY
THAT'S AN OBVIOUS OSAKA REFER-ENCE!!
EXCEPT FOR THE SWEET AROMA OF BST'S MEAT BALLS.
CAN YOU REALLY NOT REMEMBER ANYTHING?
YEAH
AND,
TALK ABOUT BAD MANNERS.
FIING

THAT SENSATION GLUED INTO THESE TWO LEGS...
THE FEEL OF THE BALL.

OUR NEXT OPPONENT WON'T BE THAT WEAK !!
YOU, WHY ARE YOU LETTING SOMEONE LIKE NASTASE GET PAST YOU!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING !?
DUMB-ASS!!
LOOKS LIKE THE RUMORS ARE INDEED TRUE
SUCH TENSION FROM A COACH WHO'S USUALLY DOESN'T DO ANYTHING
IT'S TOO GOOD OF A STORY FOR A LEAGUE TWO TEAM
THE STORY THAT A MILLIONAIRE FROM QATAR IS BUYING THIS PALACE FC..
THEY SAY THE DEAL'S ALREADY 80% COMPLETE
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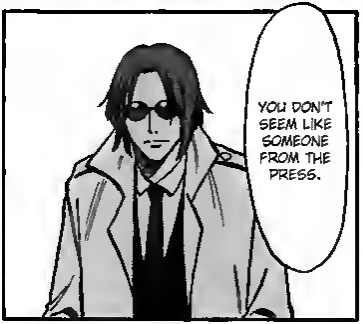
BUT THEY MIGHT JUST BE ABLE TO BECOME THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
WITH THAT MUCH MONEY, NOT ONLY CAN THEY MOVE UP TO LEAGUE ONE..
NO WONDER HE'S SO FIRED UP.
WELL, THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
BUT IS THE COACH GOING TO STAY?

IF YOU STAY GROUNDED TO THE GOAL LIKE THAT YOUR OPPONENT'S GOING TO LOOK DOWN ON YOU!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

GEEZ.

WHO THE HECK ARE YOU

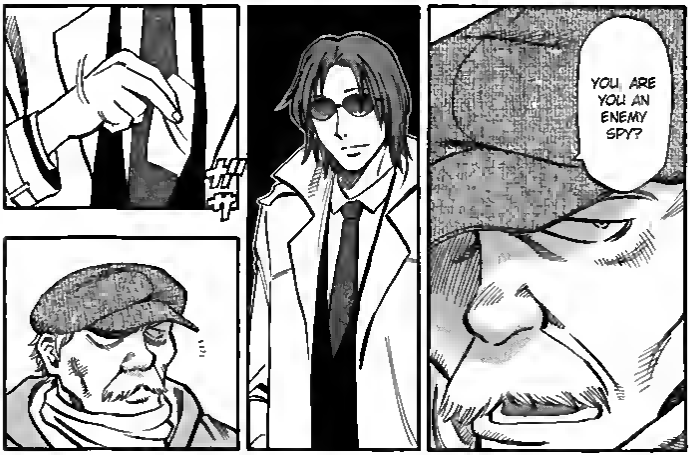
I SEE, IT'S EXACTLY AS I'VE RE-SEARCHED.


YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE SOMEONE FROM THE PRESS.

THAT IS IN THE NEXT MATCH...
YOU HAVE TO WIN AGAINST THE MEDIAS WHO ARE ALSO AIMING TO MOVE UP FROM LEAGUE TWO,
AND PLACE IN THE CANDIDATE PROMOTION CIRCLE
HUH?
BASED ON MY INFORMATION, THERE ARE A FEW CONDITIONS FOR KEEPING THE COACH
ONLY WHEN YOU MEET THOSE CONDITIONS, YOU'LL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE COACHING.
HOWEVER, IF YOU LOSE, YOU'RE FIRED.
TO ONE DAY BECOME THE WINNING COACH OF THE NATIONALLY CELEBRATED ROMANIAN LEAGUE 1,
AND POSSIBLY EARN THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GLOBALLY ACCLAIMED UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE...
OR GET THROWN OUT FROM A LEAGUE 2 TEAM AND HAVE NOWHERE TO GO..

IT'S A PSYCHO-LOGICALLY HORRIFYING SITUATION, ISN'T IT?
YOU'RE BASICALLY TEETERING BETWEEN HEAVEN AND HELL.

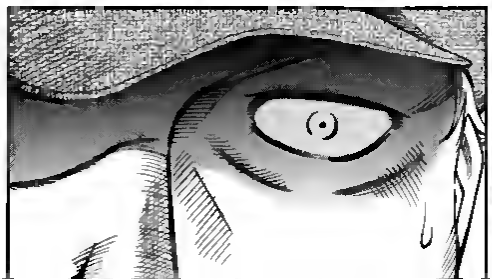
IF I WERE TO GIVE YOU A MORE VULGAR EXAMPLE
IT'S LIKE HAVING SEX WITH A PISTOL TO YOUR HEAD.


YOU, ARE YOU AN ENEMY SPY?

DO YOU HAVE ANY DESIRE TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH A DEMON?

I'M SAYING THAT WE'LL PRESENT YOU WITH A "GUARANTEED VICTORY."

WHAT?



GEEZ ...
AT SUCH A CRUCIAL TIME WHEN EVERYONE ON THE TEAM'S A NERVOUS WRECK
I SHOULD HAVE HELD A PRIVATE PRACTICE INSTEAD, SINCE FOOLS LIKE YOU COME IN BLABBING SUCH GARBAGE
NONSENSE!!
IN FOOTBALL,
NO, IN ANY WIN-OR-LOSE SITUATION, THERE ARE NO SURE VICTORIES!!
SOMEONE WHO CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT...
BASTARD, YOU
ARE YOU TRYING TO FIX THE GAME!?
NO WAY
THEN, WHO ARE YOU!?

Sports agent
SAKAZAKI
53787
SAKA-ZAKI ..
SPORTS AGENT?
I'LL INTRO-DUCE YOU TO A MAN THAT WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO COVER YOUR TEAM'S WEAKNESS
WHO KNOWS?
WHO'S THAT GUY COACH IS TALKING TO?

50,000 EURO PER GAME!?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE OUT OF YOUR MIND!!
ISN'T IT PRETTY CHEAP CONSIDERING IT GETS YOU PROMOTED TO LEAGUE 1 AND EARNS A BIG SPONSOR?

AHH. LOOKS LIKE HE'S HERE
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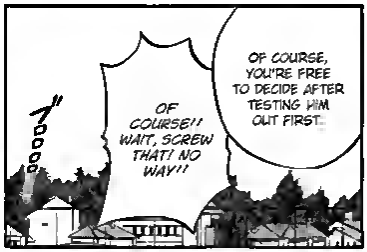
OF COURSE, YOU'RE FREE TO DECIDE AFTER TESTING HIM OUT FIRST.
OF COURSE!! WAIT, SCREW THAT! NO WAY!!
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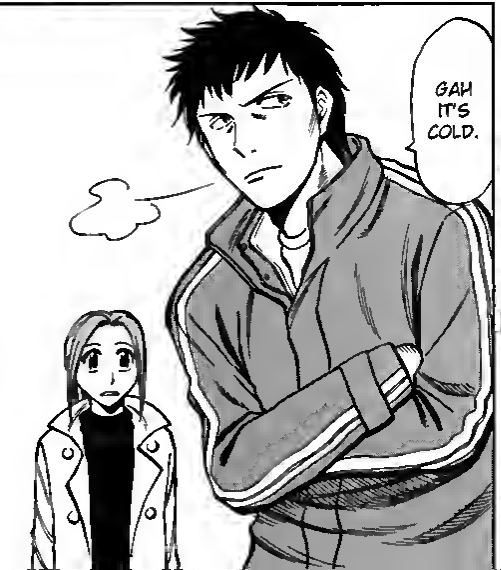
GAH IT'S COLD.

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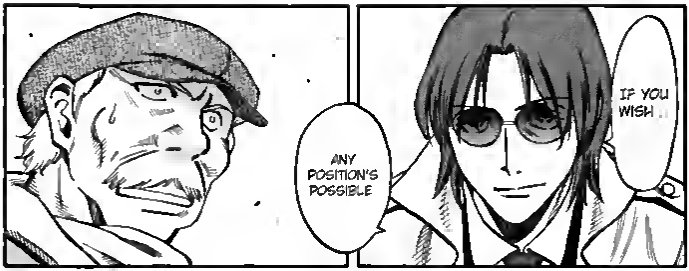
POOR TAXI DRIVER HAD SUCH A HARD TIME.
TO NOT EVEN KNOW WHERE THE TRAINING GROUND IS, YOU'RE A PRETTY USE-LESS PART-TIMER
WELL, SORRY !!
I'M JUST A NORMAL FEMALE COLLEGE STUDENT !!
WHAT THE HECK!! IT'S AN ASIAN!!
HE'S JAPANESE IS THERE A PROB-LEM?
ISN'T YOUR CAR MADE IN JAPAN, AS WELL?
HUMPH, I THOUGHT YOU'D BRING IN SOMEONE BRAZILIAN...
HE HAS SOME BRAZILIAN MIXED IN, TOO
FOR REAL!?
NAME?
ANONI-MOS DIOS.
NEVER HEARD OF HIM.
AIN'T IT MATSU-MOTO!?

YOU CAN TEST HIM FOR FREE.
THERE'S NOTHING TO LOSE FROM MAKING THE DECISION AFTER THAT.
IT'S TRUE THAT JAPAN HAS RECENTLY BEEN PROVIDING FAIRLY GOOD MIDDLE-CLASS PLAYERS LIKE NAKATA AND NAKAMURA..
SMALL, BUT HIGHLY SKILLED AND HAS GOOD MOBILITY. IT'S EXACTLY LIKE A JAPANESE CAR.
SO, WHAT'S HIS POSITION? MID FIELD?

ANY-
WHERE.
IF YOU
WISH .
WHAT
!?


ANY POSITION'S POSSIBLE
IF YOU WISH..

CHAPTER 2: DEMONSTRATION

YOU CAN PLAY ANY-WHERE!?
NOW ISN'T THAT FUNNY!?
JUST LIKE STREET FOOT-BALL, HUH!?
EVEN IF WE'RE IN LEAGUE 2, WE'RE STILL LEGITIMATE PROS!!
DO YOU THINK SUCH CHEAP TRICKS WILL WORK ON OUR TEAM!?
YOU MADE HIM MA!?

HE SPECIALIZES IN THE FULL BACK POSITION.
MY APOLOGIES... OUR JOKE WENT TOO FAR.
FULL BACK?
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YES.
GEEZ, YOU SHOULD'VE SAID THAT FROM THE START...
YOU SAID TESTING'S FREE, RIGHT!?
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COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
COU...
THEN, I'LL HAVE YOU SHOW ME YOUR SKILLS AS A FULL BACK
HEY, SOMEONE! BRING ME WATER!!
MY THROAT'S ALL DRIED UP FROM RAISING MY VOICE TOO MUCH!!
SHIT,
AND WHY'S THAT?
YEAH
SO, THIS TIME I'M PLAYIN' FULL BACK
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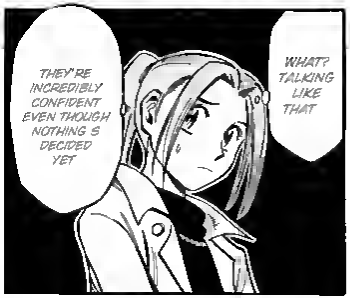
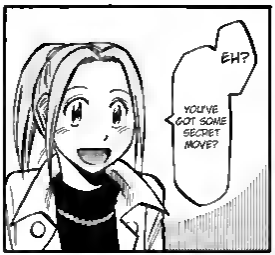
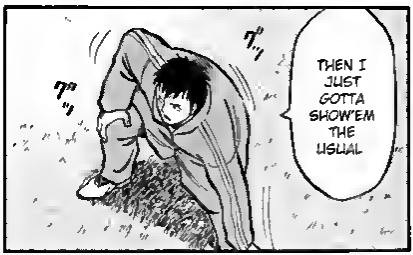
THIS TEAM TENDS TO LOSE A LOT BY GETTING THAT SPOT PENETRATED
I ALREADY KNEW FROM MY INVESTIGATING THAT STRENGTHENING THE OFFENSIVE-DEFENSIVE POWER OF THIS POSITION IS THIS TEAM'S BIGGEST ISSUE
MOREOVER, THEIR NEXT OPPONENT'S FULL BACK...
IS ESPECIALLY POWERFUL.
COME ON WHAT'RE YOU GONNA SHOW ME!?
I SEE.
THAT'S WHY THAT COACH JUMPED ON IT WHEN HE HEARD "FULL BACK."

SO, IF I TAKE THAT POSITION, THE TEAM'LL WIN
THAT'S RIGHT

THAT'S RIGHT
BUT BEFORE THAT, ISN'T HE SUPPOSED TO PASS THE TEST AND SHOW THEM HOW GOOD HE IS?


WHAT? TALKING LIKE THAT
THEY'RE INCREDIBLY CONFIDENT EVEN THOUGH NOTHING'S DECIDED YET


EH?
YOU'VE GOT SOME SECRET MOVE?


THEN I JUST GOTTA SHOW'EM THE USUAL

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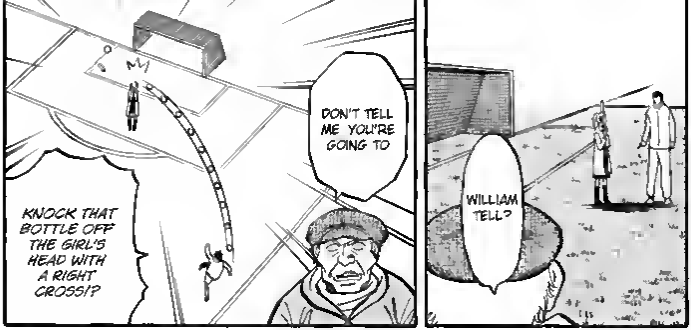
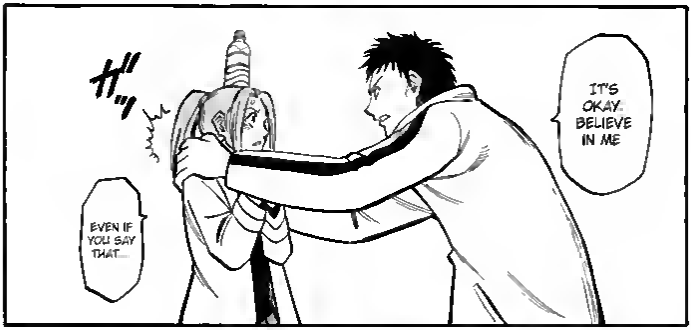
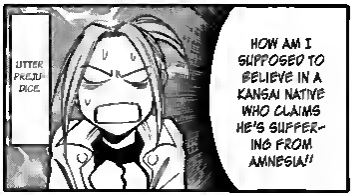
Voloic
EXCUSE ME
AH
GO GET IT YOURSELF AT LEAST
HERE'S YOUR WATER.
GOOD
SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT?
THERE'S SOMETHIN' VERY IMPORTANT I'D LIKE YOU TO DO
SORRY, BUT LET ME BOR-ROW THIS.
Voloic

IF YOU CAN PULL OFF THIS JOB, IT'LL GREATLY BENEFIT YOUR MAJOR, TOO.
UMM... SORRY, BUT...
I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO CLUE WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND IN LIKE 5 MINUTES
I STILL HAVE NO CLUE BUT I'VE GOT A REAL BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS~~~~
YOU'RE PRETTY SHARP IT'S PROBABLY WHAT YOU THINK IT IS.
EEH!? SO THIS IS...
OKAY, WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T MOVE FROM THIS SPOT.


DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO
KNOCK THAT BOTTLE OFF THE GIRL'S HEAD WITH A RIGHT CROSS!?
WILLIAM TELL?


IT'S OKAY. BELIEVE IN ME
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...

HUH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
UU...

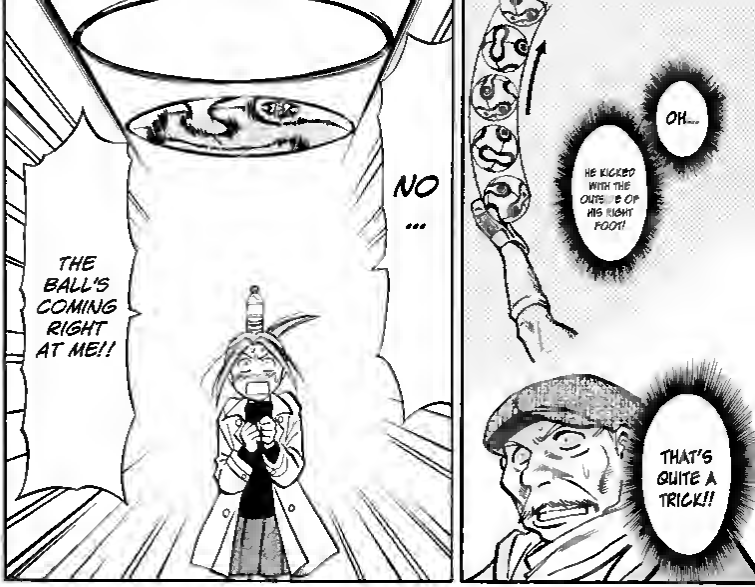

UTTER PREJU-DICE.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE IN A KANSAI NATIVE WHO CLAIMS HE'S SUFFER-ING FROM AMNESIA!!

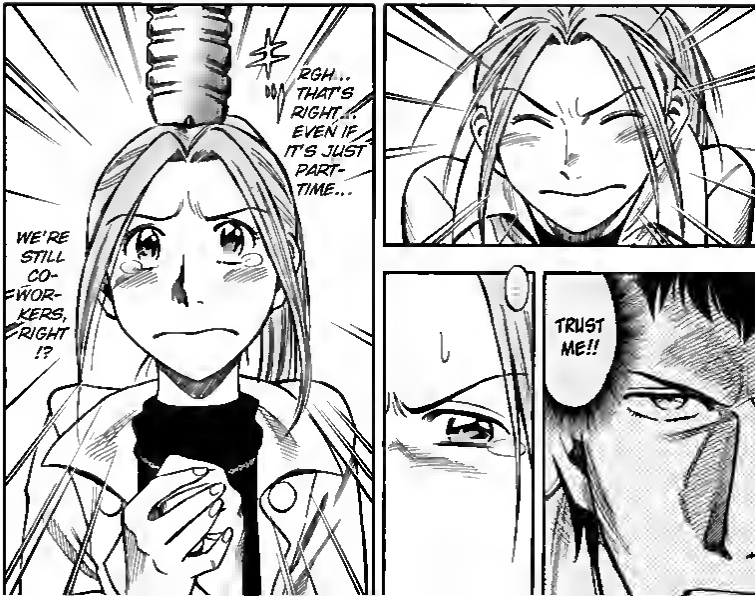
TRUST ME

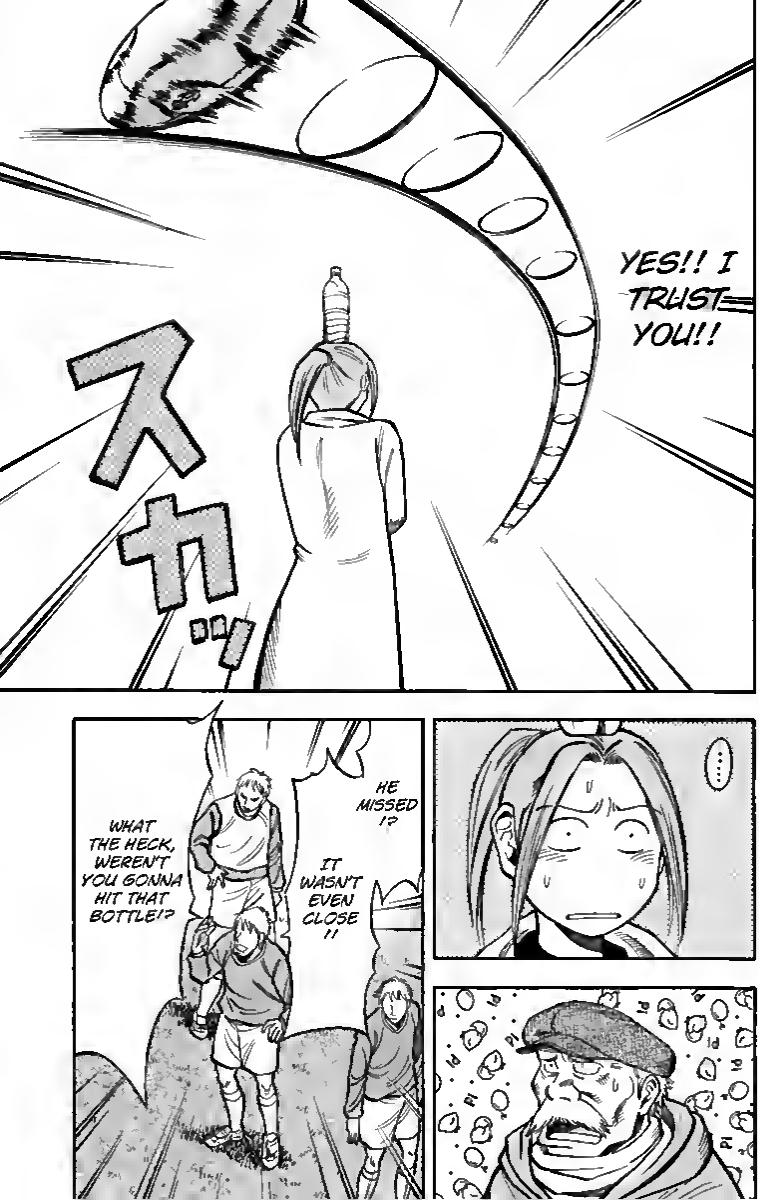
GO!!
HE'S DODGING THE COMES AT AN IN-CREDIBLE SPEED!!
WHAT THE HECK IS HE!?

IT'LL BE PRETTY SERIOUS IF IT HITS HER FACE!!
BUT, CAN HE REALLY DO IT?
I NEVER TOLD YOU TO GO THAT FAR..
SORRY MOM AND DAD..
EVEN THOUGH I TALKED YOU GUYS INTO LETTING ME STUDY LANGUAGE ABROAD IN EUROPE...
I THOUGHT I WAS PRETTY LUCKY WHEN I FOUND A NICE PART-TIME JOB WITH A FELLOW JAPANESE GUY
BUT THE JOB TURNED OUT TO BE "TESTING A WATER BOTTLE ON TOP OF MY HEAD
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MY LANGUAGE STUDIES!!
HEY, DON'T MOVE !!

OHH,
NICE CENTERING!!
...HEY, WAIT A SEC.
ISN'T A CROSS NORMALLY RELEASED FROM YOUR RIGHT FOOT,
THEN CURVES TO THE LEFT!?


THE BALL'S COMING RIGHT AT ME!!
NO ...
HE KICKED WITH THE OUTSIDE OF HIS RIGHT FOOT!
OH....
THAT'S QUITE A TRICK!!


WE'RE STILL CO-WORKERS, RIGHT!?
RGH.. THAT'S RIGHT... EVEN IF IT'S JUST PART-TIME...
TRUST ME!!


YES!! I TRUST YOU!!
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HE MISSED!?
IT WASN'T EVEN CLOSE!!
WHAT THE HECK, WEREN'T YOU GONNA HIT THAT BOTTLE!?
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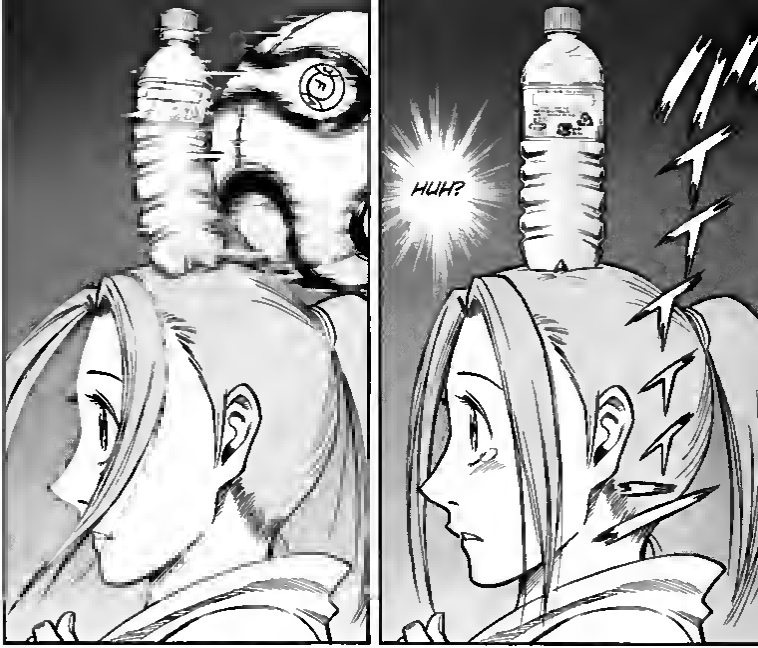
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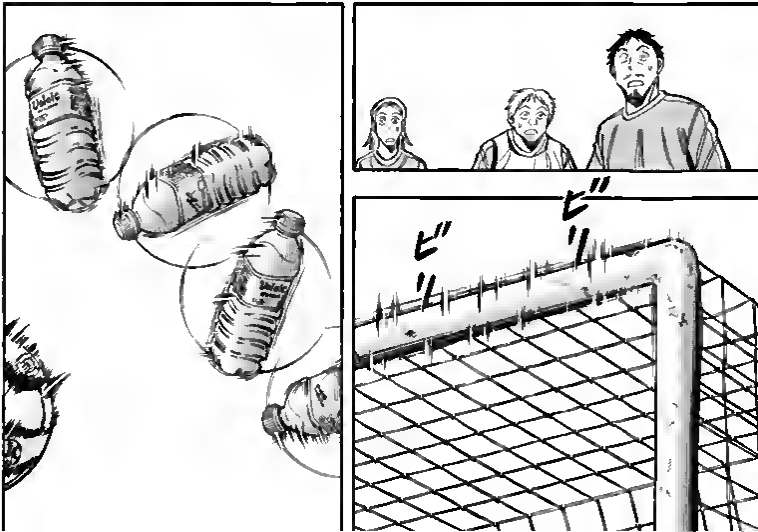

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HERE, I BELIEVE THIS IS YOURS.
IN AN ACTUAL MATCH, WE CAN PROVIDE SOMETHING EVEN BETTER THAN THIS.

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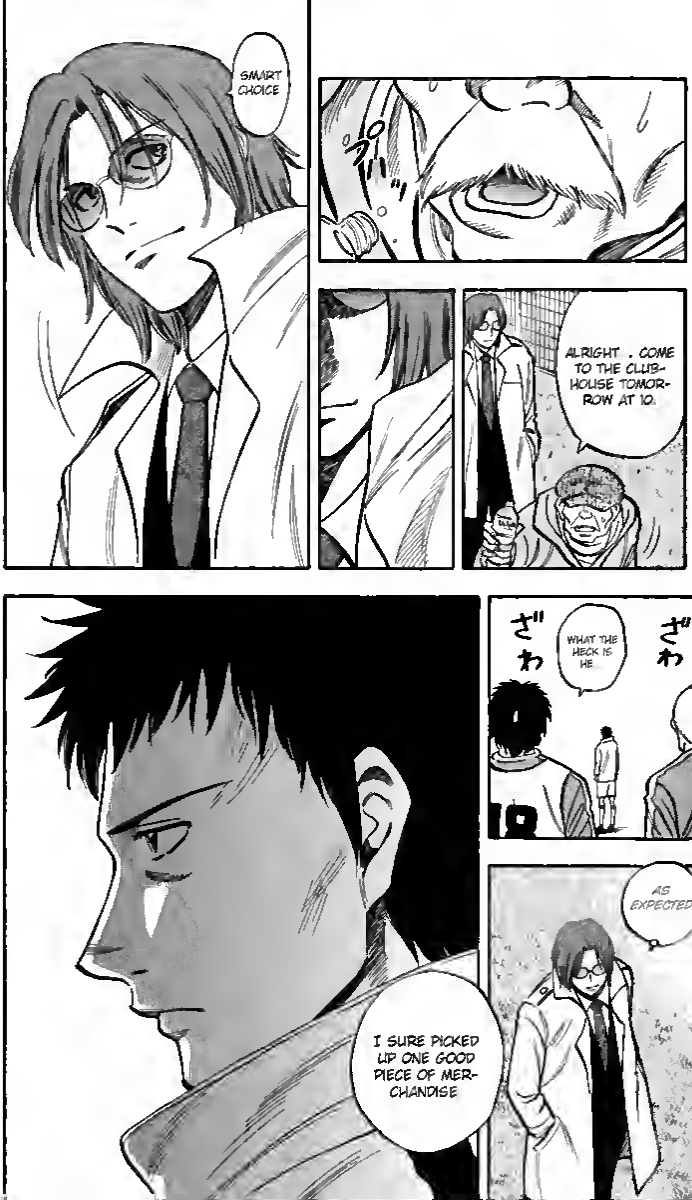
YOU BET.
THAT WAS... ON PURPOSE?


SMART CHOICE
ALRIGHT . COME TO THE CLUB-HOUSE TOMOR-ROW AT 10.
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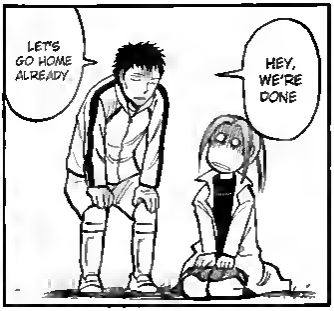
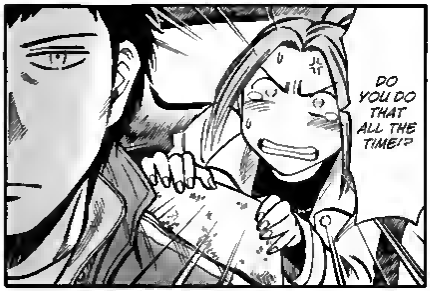
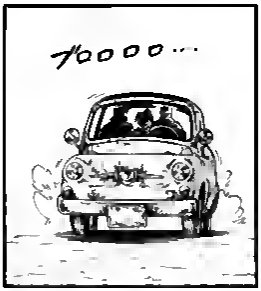
WHAT THE HECK IS HE
AS EXPECTED
I SURE PICKED UP ONE GOOD PIECE OF MER-CHANDISE


LET'S GO HOME ALREADY
HEY, WE'RE DONE


DO YOU DO THAT ALL THE TIME!?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WHY DON'T YOU DO IT THEN?
IF WE DON'T MAKE THAT MUCH OF A BLUFF, WE CAN'T GET A CONTRACT

I THINK IT'S A NASTY SHOW, TOO
IT ALSO MAKES THEM PART-TIMERS LEAVE IN A HEARTBEAT

80% !?
THAT'S TOO RISKY!!
BUT EVEN THEN, THE CHANCE OF SUCCESS IS STILL AROUND 80%.
IT DOESN'T WORK WELL IF YOUR HEIGHT'S NOT RIGHT...
WELL, THIS'LL ONLY KEEP ON TILL I GET MY MEMORIES BACK...
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YOU SWIND-LERS!!
YOU ...
DON'T GIVE ME THAT AGAIN!!

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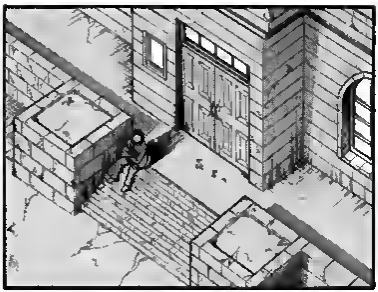

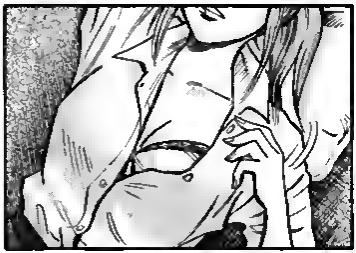

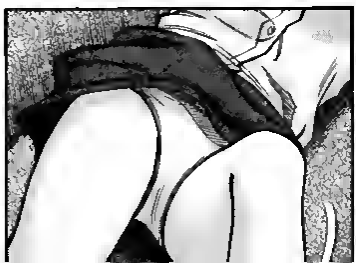

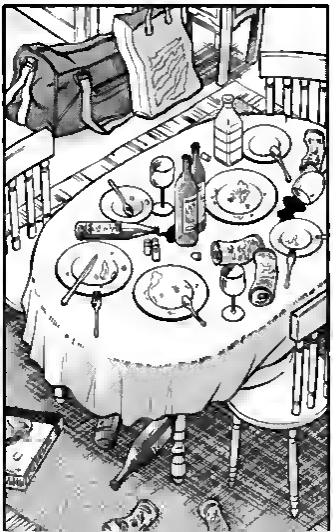

CHAPTER 3: CONTRACT

WHY AM I SLEEPING AT MY WORK-PLACE?
HUH?
WA-TER
UGH...
YESTERDAY, WE HELD A PETIT PARTY CELEBRATING THE SEALING OF THE CON-TRACT.
HOOR-AY!
AH THAT'S RIGHT...
I ENDED UP DRINK-ING, TOO
THEY WERE BOTH REALLY HAPPY
WHA!?

HEE HEE HEE
!
SORRY MOM, DAD!!
NO WAY, DID THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME WHILE I WAS ASLEEP..
PHEW.
LOOKS LIKE I'M ALL-RIGHT

YESTERDAY, I WITNESSED THE CONTRACT
...
...
FIRST, THE CONTRACT WILL ONLY LAST TILL THE END OF THIS SEASON
NEXT, ABOUT THE CONTRACT FEE...
LET ME BE HONEST. ISN'T THIS NUMBER ASKING A BIT TOO MUCH?
I TOLD THE COACH YESTERDAY TOO. BUT
ISN'T THIS A PETTY PRICE IF YOU CONSIDER THE NEW OWNER?

THE STAKES ARE TOO HIGH
IF WE CAN'T GET PROMOTED, THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN PAY THIS PRICE.
WE GET THE OWNER ONLY IF WE MAKE IT TO LEAGUE ONE.

YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT.
IF THAT'S THE CASE ...
.....
I SEE.
THEY START COMPLAINING NOW...?

WHAT!?
THEN HOW ABOUT YOU PAY ONLY THE CONTINGENCY FEE?

YES....
CONTIN-GENCY FEE!?
WE'LL ACCEPT OUR DOWN PAYMENT AND RE-WARDS....
ONLY WHEN PALACE FC GETS PRO-MOTED TO LEAGUE 1.
SINCE YOU SEEM TO FEEL A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE PLEASE ALLOW US TO ADD A LITTLE EXTRA INCENTIVE.
THERE'S NO CATCH AT ALL....
THA....
THAT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!!
WHAT'S THE CATCH?

IF YOU HAVE NO OTHER OBJECTIONS.

10,000 EURO PER GOAL MADE BY MATSUMOTO...
AND AN ADDITIONAL 5,000 EURO IF HE MAKES AN ASSIST

PLEASE SIGN HERE...
THEN THE CONTRACT'S SEALED.

ISN'T THERE A BETTER WAY OF GOING ABOUT IT IF HE'S THAT GOOD OF A PLAYER?
COME TO THINK OF IT, WHERE'S MATSUMOTO-SAN?
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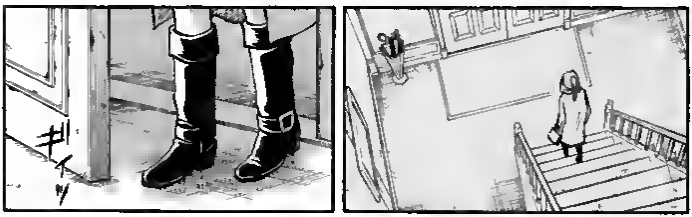
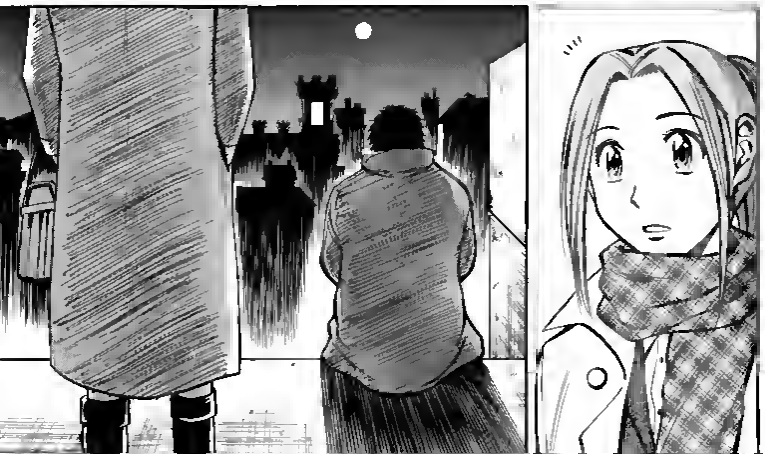
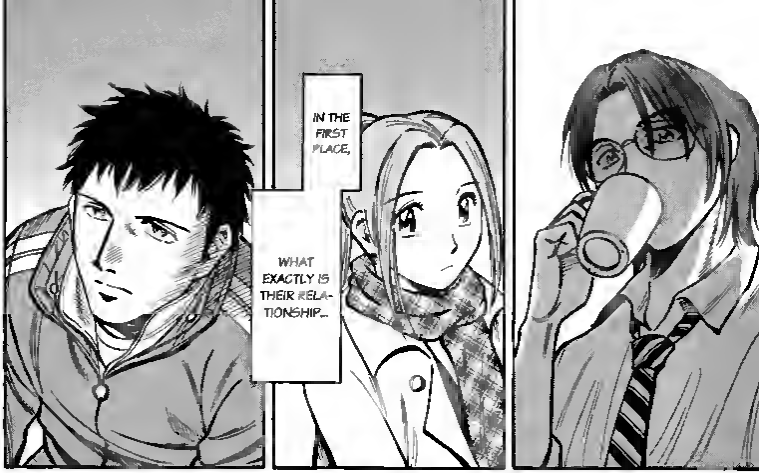
TO BE BLUNT, THE CONTINGENCY FEE IS A TOTAL GAMBLE.

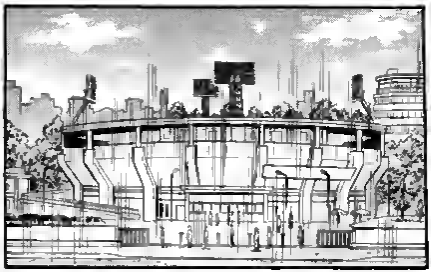


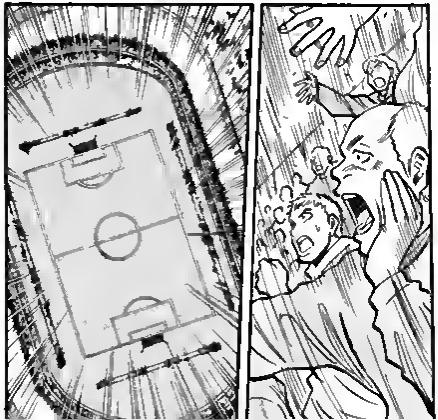


OH, IT'S YOU...
HEY, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT!? WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUTSIDE IN THIS COLD!?
YOU'RE GONNA CATCH A COLD!!
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SELF-AWARENESS AS AN ATHLETE!!
JUST WONDERIN' WHO I AM
IT'S NO JOKE...

MADE ME THINK THAT MATSUMOTO-SAN WASN'T LYING...
THE LONELY MOON FLOATING BY ITSELF IN THE WINTER SKY,
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN THE ONE WHO KNOWS WHO HE REALLY IS, IS THAT MAN...


IN THE FIRST PLACE,
WHAT EXACTLY IS THEIR RELATIONSHIP...





YA ON YOUR WAY HOME? IF SO I'LL WALK YA.
THAT'S SO SWEET, MITSUMONO-SAN!!
WE CAN'T HAVE YA SLEEPING IN THE WORKPLACE WITH YOUR UNDERWEAR FULLY EXPOSED
NO!

SUCH INCREDIBLE SUPPORT!!
IT'S MY FIRST TIME WATCHING A FOOTBALL MATCH
ADVANCING TO LEAGUE ONE IS A BIG THING, EVEN FOR THE SUPPORTERS
IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT THE SUPPORTERS ARE ALL HYPED UP.
TODAY'S MATCH IS AN EXTREME GAME THAT WILL BECOME THE BASIS FOR THAT
THERE HE IS
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UM,
CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
WHO IS MATSUMOTO-SAN EXACTLY?
WHO KNOWS
EVEN I DON'T KNOW THAT

I FOUND HIM
YOU FOUND HIM!?
YOU DON'T KNOW
WHERE DID YOU MEET HIM, THEN?
IN AZERBAIJAN AT A PLACE NEAR THE CASPIAN SEA.
THAT ASIDE, LOOK..
HOW DID YOU MANAGE HIS PASSPORT AND STUFF TO BEGIN WITH?
THEN WHAT'S HIS REAL NATIONALITY?
HIS AGE?
HO-SI-NU
YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK ME AGAIN?!
PIII!
IT STARTED.
AL-RIGHT, KICK OFF!!
AS TEAMS AIMING FOR THE PROMOTION,
THIS IS A STRATEGIC MATCH THAT THEY ABSOLUTELY CANNOT LOSE!!

YOU JUST HAVE TO WIN!!
WE ARE BRAZIL
GO !!
WELL... HE DEFINITELY IS A PITIFUL MAN...
HUH?
I WAS JUST WON-DERIN' WHO I AM
HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO HE IS,
THAT LACK OF IDENTITY
IS LEAVING A HUGE SCAR ON HIS LIFE.
WHERE HE WAS BORN, OR WHERE HE CAME FROM...
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THEREFORE, THE ONLY WAY HE CAN EXPRESS HIS TRUE SELF IS BY PLAYING FOOTBALL.
BUT, ONE THING DO WE KNOW FOR SURE IS THE FOOTBALL TECHNIQUE THAT'S BEEN GLUED INTO HIS BODY.
THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN DOING MY BEST TO GET HIM ON THE FIELD.
THAT IS...

THE CONTRACT THAT HE AND I AGREED ON.
THE BALL HAS BEEN PASSED TO CHIVU ON THE LEFT SIDE TO START THE ATTACK!!

IT'S THE FIRST CONTACT!!
AND THE ONE DEFENDING ON THE OTHER SIDE IS...
THIS SEASON'S NEWCOMER, MATSUMOTO!! HOW'S HE GOING TO COUNTER THIS!?

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A BATTLE AT THE SIDELINE IS UNDERWAY!!
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HE WAS BLOWN OFF WITH ONE HAND BUT..
HE USED HIS HAND IT'S PRETTY CLOSE TO A FOUL.
THE BALL WENT OUT OF BOUNDS!!
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AH, I COULD REALLY GO FOR SOME TAKOYAKI RIGHT ABOUT NOW
GOOD JOB STICKING YOUR FOOT OUT
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NOTHING FORGET IT.
WHAT?

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OKAY, IT'S MY TURN NOW.
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TILL NOW, BRASOV'S RIGHT SIDE HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY OVERPOWERED BY THIS MAN RISHUAN CHIVU.
IT'S A BATTLE NEITHER CAN GIVE UP FOR THE PROMOTION TO LEAGUE !!!
BRASOV VS MEDIAS!!
BUT BRASOV'S NEW ADDITION, MATSUMOTO ANONIMOS DIOS, IS COMING TO CHALLENGE HIM!!
A POWER BATTLE HUH? YOU MUST SURE HATE LOSING!!
HOW FAR CAN YOU GO WITH SUCH A FRAGILE ASIAN BODY!?

BUT I'LL PUT AN END TO IT QUICK-LY!!
FAST !!

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HE, HE STOLE BEHIND ME!!
SOMEONE IN THIS LEAGUE... IN A ONE-ON-ONE... AGAINST ME!?

MATSUMOTO BRILLIANTLY BROKE THROUGH CHIVU'S DEFENSE!!
MATSU-MOTO-SAN, AMA-ZING!!
THAT NEW-COMER'S PRETTY GOOD!!

HE CEN-TERED THE BALL!!

AL-RIGHT!!
AND THE ONE WAITING ON THE OTHER SIDE IS,
LEFT SIDE BACK ELVIN...
.....
HE TAKES THE PERFECTLY PASSED PINPOINT CROSS INTO THE...
DUMB-ASS! DON'T MISS!!
AWWWW!

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THIS GUY

GREAT!! KEEP ON ATTACKING JUST LIKE THAT!!

YOU...
ALRIGHT, HE TOOK IT BACK!! NOW, GO CARRY IT ALL THE WAY UP!!
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HERE COMES THE ATTACK!! THE BALL GOES TO CHIVU!!
HE'S SETTING UP A CROSS!!
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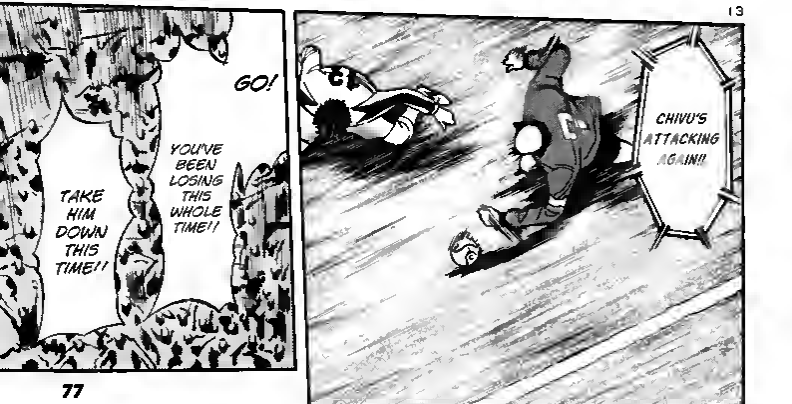
WHAT IS THIS GUY!?
BUT HE'S BEEN BLOCKED AGAIN!!
GOOD WORK, MATSUMOTO!!


GO!
YOU'VE BEEN LOSING THIS WHOLE TIME!!
TAKE HIM DOWN THIS TIME!!
CHIVU'S ATTACKING AGAIN!!

YOU'RE THE ONE ATTACK-ING!!
HOW...!? HOW CAN HE...

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MATSU-MOTO-SAN'S INCREDIBLE! HE'S COM-PLETELY OVERPOWER-ING THE OPPONENT!!
HE'S IN MENTAL STALE-MATE.
EVEN THOUGH HE'S THE ONE AT-TACKING...
HE'S SO FOCUSED ON DEFENDING THE BALL THAT HIS WILL TO ADVANCE IS TOTALLY BAT-TERED DOWN

THAT PRESSURE IS CAUSING HIM TO BACK DOWN.
IN HIS MIND, HE'S PROBABLY THINKING: "WHY DOESN'T HE CARRY THE BALL UP THE FIELD LIKE HE SHOWED TO BEGIN WITH!?"
HE CAN DO IT IF HE WANTS TO, RIGHT?
YEAH, THAT PART!! WHY ISN'T MATSUMOTO-SAN ATTACKING ANYMORE?
WAIT...
I SEE!

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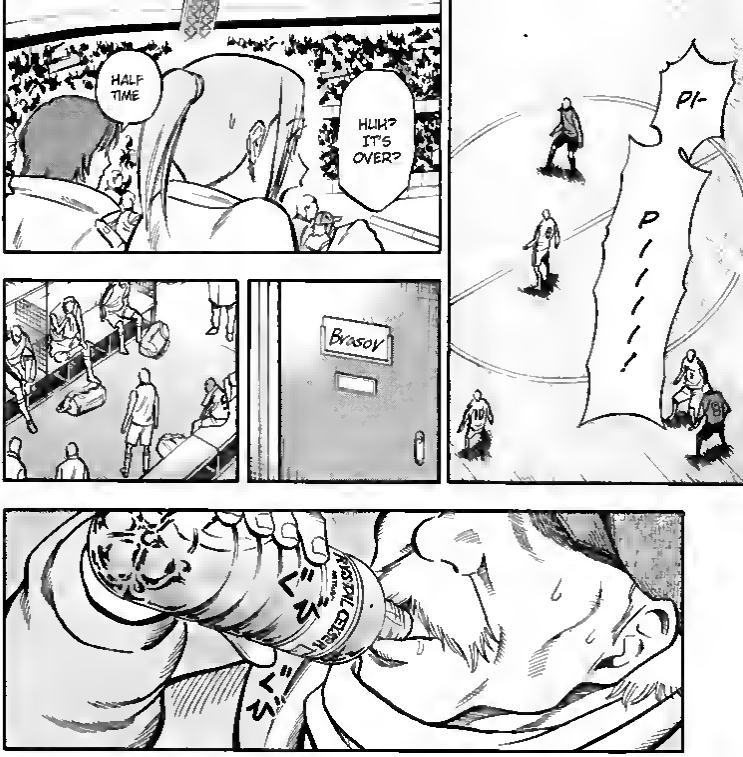
WE CAN'T SCORE IF YOU DON'T!!
GIVE US A CROSS LIKE THE ONE YOU SHOWED IN THE BEGINNING!!
MATSUMOTO! WE GET THAT YOU HAVE PRETTY GOOD DEFENSE, SO GO ATTACK A BIT MORE!!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MATSU-MOTO!! WHY AREN'T YOU ATTACK-ING!?
DID YOU FORGET THE TRUE ROLE OF A SIDE BACK!?
HEY, HEY WHY'RE YOU DRINKING MORE THAN THE PLAYER...
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THIS COACH IS HOPE-LESS
THERE ARE PLENTY OF PLAYERS WHO CAN JUST DEPEND!!
WERE YOU BLUFFING JUST FOR THE CON-TRACT!?
WHAT'S THE POINT OF A HELPER, THEN!?
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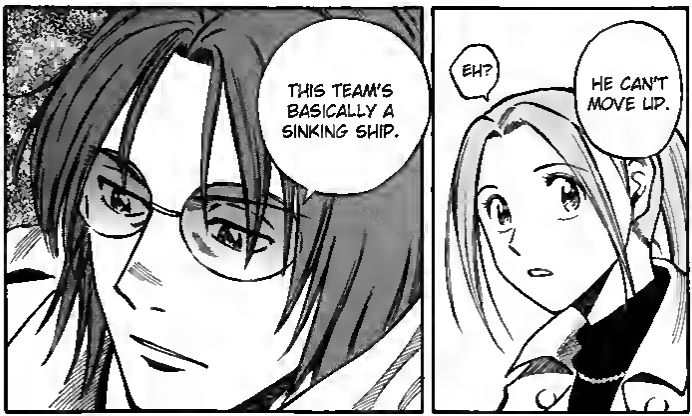
THIS TEAM'S BASICALLY A SINKING SHIP.
EH?
HE CAN'T MOVE UP.

SINCE THE LEFT SB KEEPS ON MOVING UP AND DOESN'T PLAN ON COMING BACK,
MATSUMOTO HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO STAY DOWN.

EHH !?
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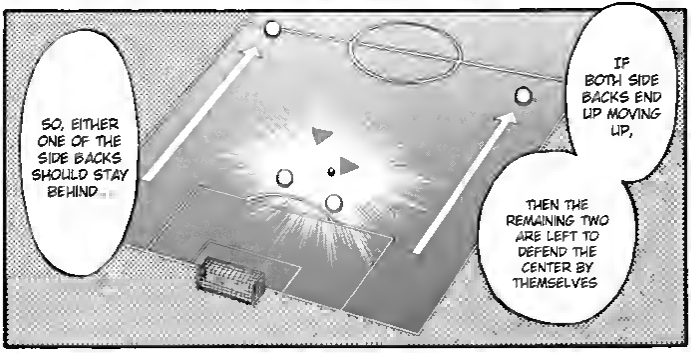
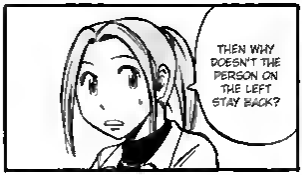
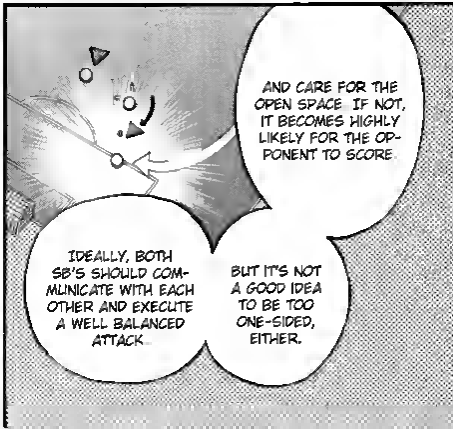

SO, EITHER ONE OF THE SIDE BACKS SHOULD STAY BEHIND.
IF BOTH SIDE BACKS END UP MOVING UP,
THEN THE REMAINING TWO ARE LEFT TO DEFEND THE CENTER BY THEMSELVES


THEN WHY DOESN'T THE PERSON ON THE LEFT STAY BACK?


AND CARE FOR THE OPEN SPACE. IF NOT, IT BECOMES HIGHLY LIKELY FOR THE OPPONENT TO SCORE.
IDEALLY, BOTH SB'S SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER AND EXECUTE A WELL BALANCED ATTACK.
BUT IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA TO BE TOO ONE-SIDED, EITHER.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE VIP BOOTH

THAT ARABIAN MILLIONAIRE'S
THAT'S THE OWNER PLANNING TO BUY THIS TEAM.
CHANGE MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM..
HE'LL PROBABLY USE THE MONEY TO
ONCE THEY ADVANCE TO LEAGUE ONE
NASTAZ
PERSIE
IS THAT LEFT SB..
DURING THAT PROCESS, THE ONE WHO'S AT THE BORDERLINE OF ESCAPING REPLACEMENT...
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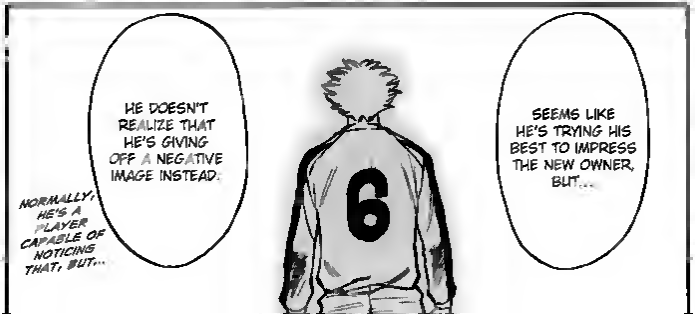
NORMALLY, HE'S A PLAYER CAPABLE OF NOTICING THAT, BUT...
HE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT HE'S GIVING OFF A NEGATIVE IMAGE INSTEAD.
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SEEMS LIKE HE'S TRYING HIS BEST TO IMPRESS THE NEW OWNER, BUT...

OF COURSE. WE'LL HAVE THEM PAY UP BEFORE THE SHIP SINKS.
WHATEVER HAPPENS AFTER THAT ISN'T OUR BUSINESS
AREN'T YOU COOL... WAIT, ISN'T THAT BAD?
DON'T FORGET!! IF WE DON'T WIN, YOU DON'T GET A THING!!
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OUR BONUS CONTRACT... ONE GOAL, 10,000 EURO. ONE ASSIST, 5,000 EURO.
WE'LL BE COLLECTING'EM BOTH IN ONE SWOOP.
IF YOU'RE GONNA SAY THAT, THEN YOU BETTER HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN...
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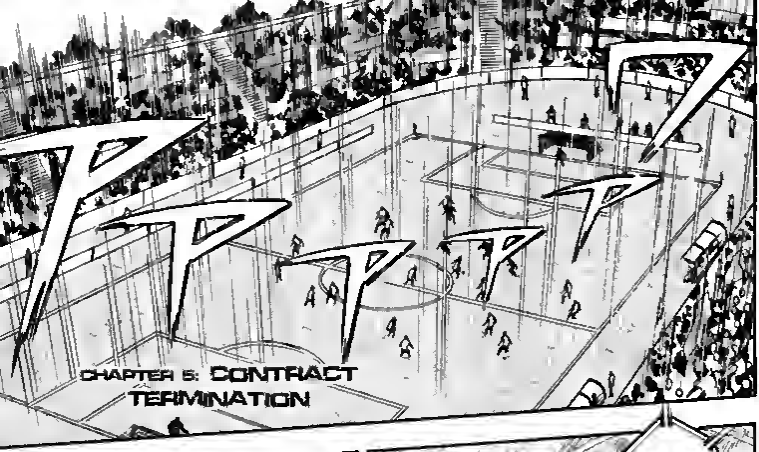
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SHIT, THEY'RE JUST GONNA HAVE A PAINFUL SPLIT WITH ONE LEAGUE POINT EACH.

THE SECOND HALF IS STILL IN A STALE-MATE WITH THE SCORE TIED AT 0-0!!
IS THIS CRUCIAL BATTLE TO DETER-MINE THE PROMO-TION CANDIDATE GOING TO END IN A DRAW LIKE THIS!?

BUT...IT'S BAD FOR THE PALACE FC WHO STILL HAVE MATCHES AGAINST HIGH RANKED TEAMS...
UNLESS THEY WIN THIS ONE, IT'LL BE PRETTY HARD FOR THEM TO GET PRO-MOTED

IT'S A PRETTY BORING MATCH

CHAPTER 5: CONTRACT TERMINATION
THERE'S NO TIME LEFT!!
WHY DOESN'T HE MAKE HIS WAY UP THE FIELD, THEN!?
CHIVU!! KICK IT UP A NOTCH!!
MEDIAS

TCH
WHY CAN'T I PASS HIM!?
DON'T BE SO SCARED !!
BEAT HIM DOWN !!

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WHAT !?
IF YOU'D MAINTAINED THAT SAME SPIRIT
THAT KNOCKED ME OFF IN THE BEGINNING FOR THE ENTIRE 90 MINUTES,
THEN EVEN I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUPPRESS ALL YOUR ATTACKS

ALRIGHT, THAT'S IT!! I'M TAKING HIM OUT!!
NO... HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP CHIVU.
IN THIS CASE, WE SHOULD AT LEAST ACCEPT A DRAW.
5 MINUTES LEFT.
SHIT.
WE ONLY HAVE 5 MINUTES LEFT!!
I BETTER SEE SOME RESULTS SOON!!

ALSO, ME PASSING YOU AT THE VERY BEGINNING WAS A FLUKE.
!?
THANK YA...

FOR GETTING YOURSELF INTIMIDATED.

MATSUMOTO FINALLY MAKES HIS MOVE!!
HE KNOCKED CHIYU OFF HIS FEET WITH THAT DIFFERENCE IN SIZE!!
HE'S SHOOTING UP THE SIDELINES AT LIGHTNING FAST SPEED!!

HE'S GOING TO MAKE A CROSS!!
THERE ARE TWO FORWARDS IN THE CENTER AND...
THERE'S THE LEFT SB ELVIN WAITING ON THE OTHER SIDE TOO!!
PASS ME THAT CROSS ONE MORE TIME!!
HERE!!
WHO'S HE GOING TO PASS TO!?
AND THE CROSS IS SENT SOARING!!

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HERE IT COMES !!
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A CURVE...
NO...
TO THE OTHER SIDE ELVIN!?
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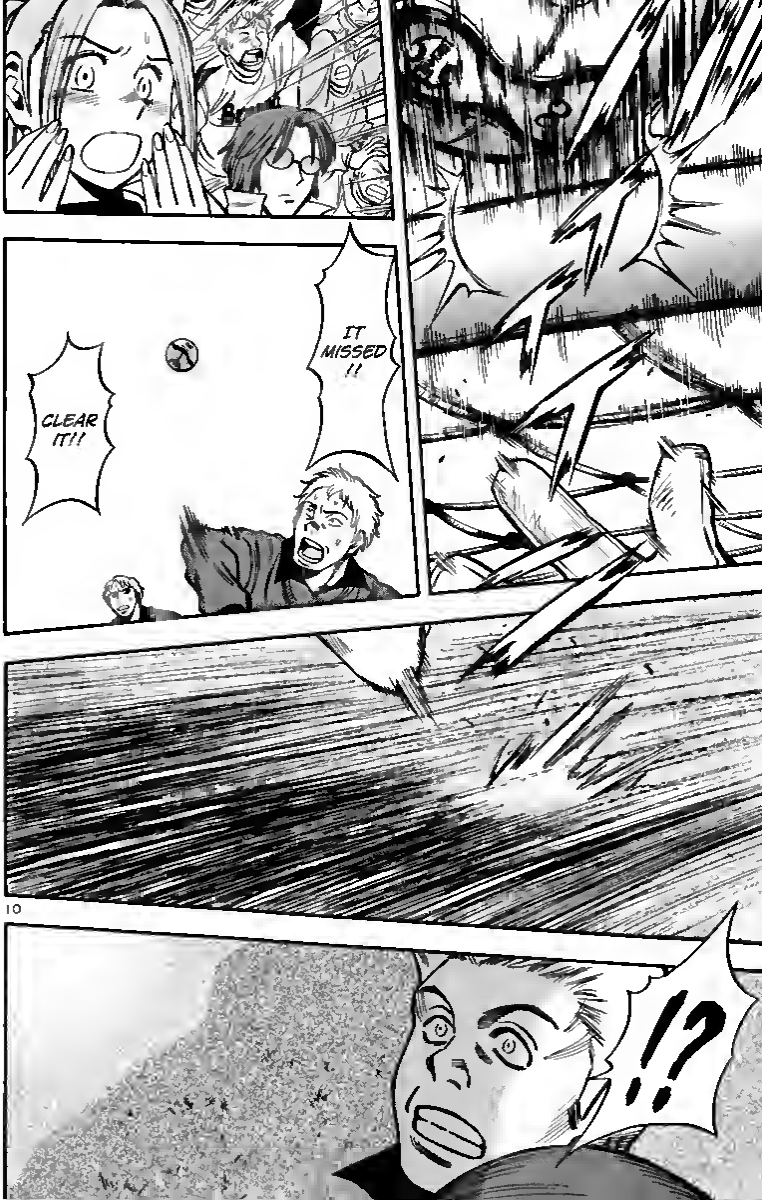
IT'S A SHOT!!
THE TRA-JECTORY CURVED SHARPLY TO THE RIGHT!!

ASSIST, 5,000 EURO...


IT MISSED !!
CLEAR IT!!
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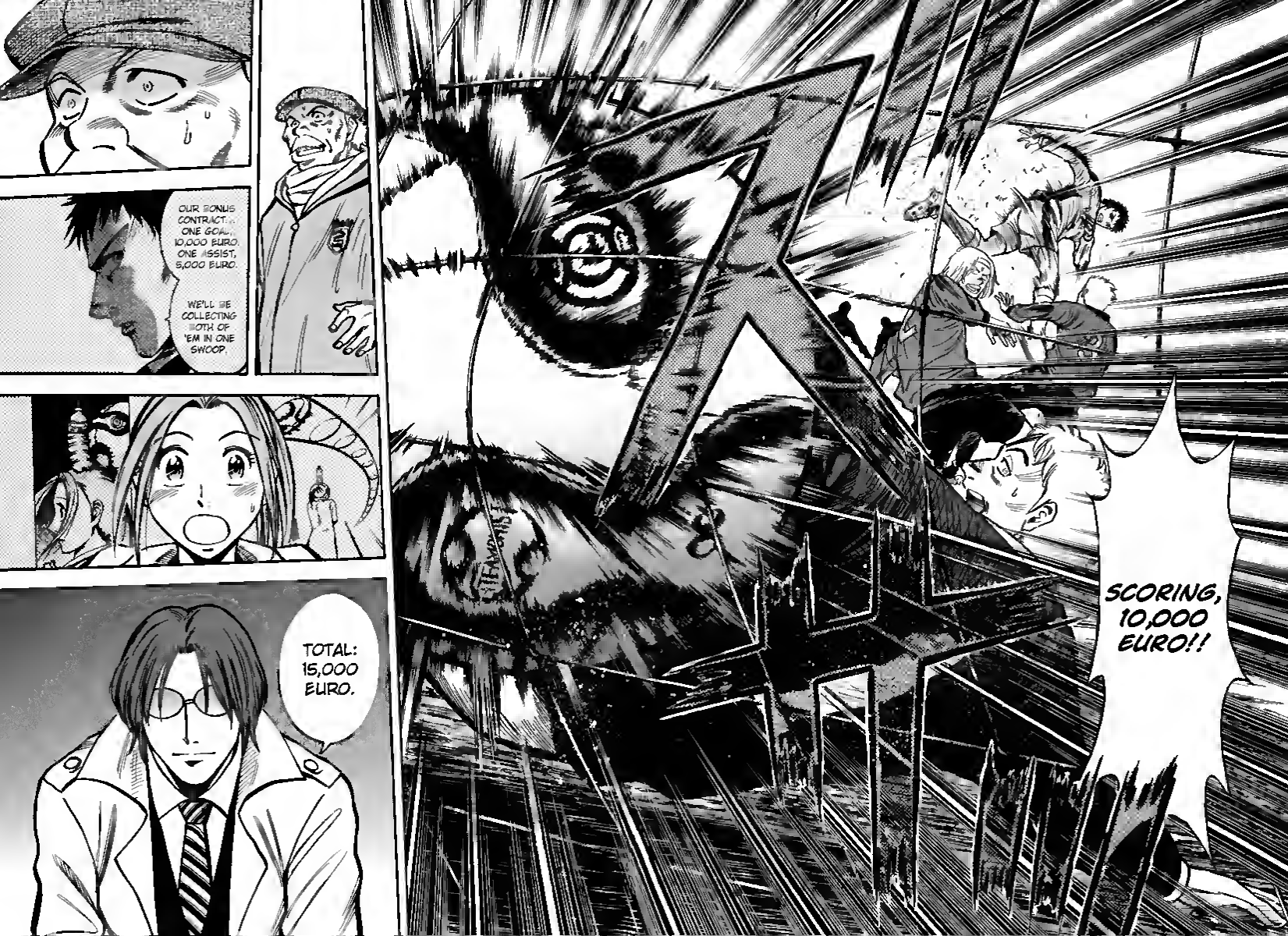
OUR BONUS CONTRACT. ONE GOAL, 10,000 EURO. ONE ASSIST, 5,000 EURO.
WE'LL BE COLLECTING BOTH OF 'EM IN ONE SWOOP.
SCORING, 10,000 EURO!!
TOTAL: 15,000 EURO.

THANK YA FOR YOUR PATRONAGE.
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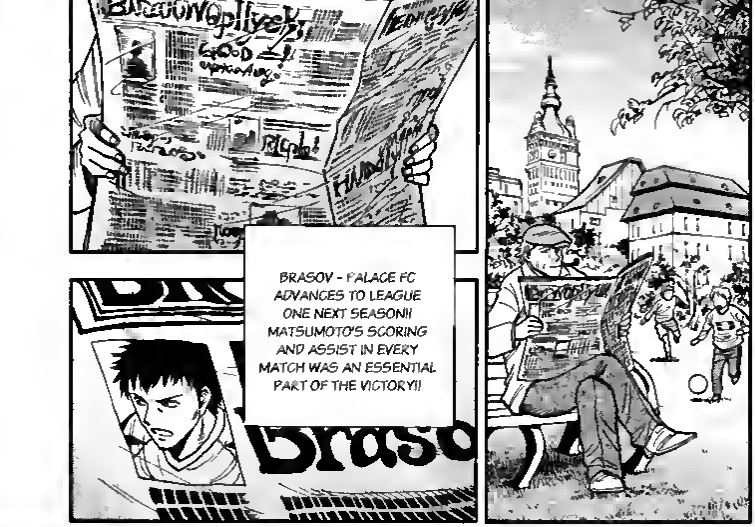
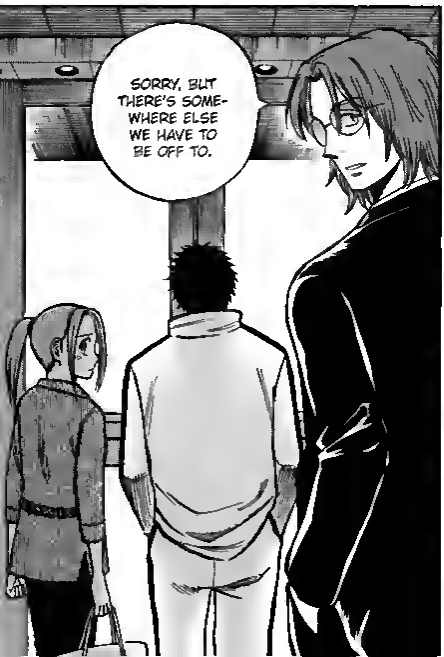
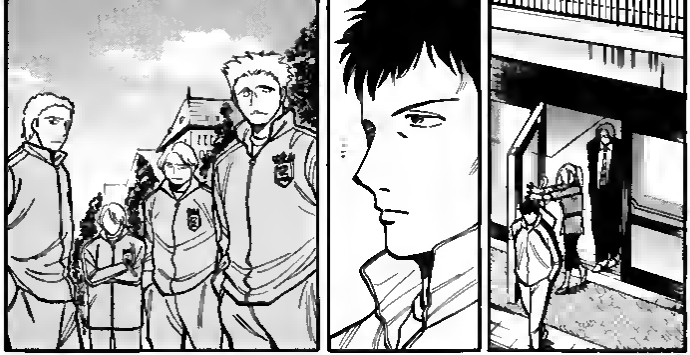
WE'LL KEEP THAT PLAYER FOR THE NEXT SEASON, TOO!!
SPON-SOR HIM!
CON-TRACT, NOW!!


BRASOV - PALACE FC ADVANCES TO LEAGUE ONE NEXT SEASON!! MATSUMOTO'S SCORING AND ASSIST IN EVERY MATCH WAS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE VICTORY!!


SORRY, BUT THERE'S SOMEWHERE ELSE WE HAVE TO BE OFF TO.

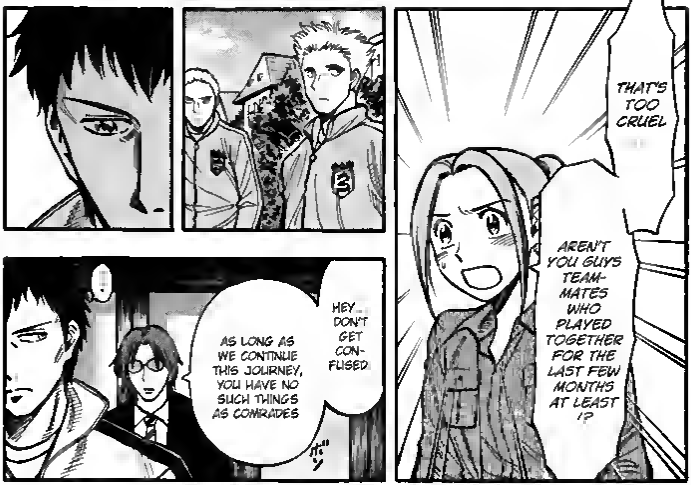
WHY'RE YOU LEAVING!?

YOU'RE ALREADY A MEMBER OF THIS TEAM!!
NO, YOU'RE THE ACE!!

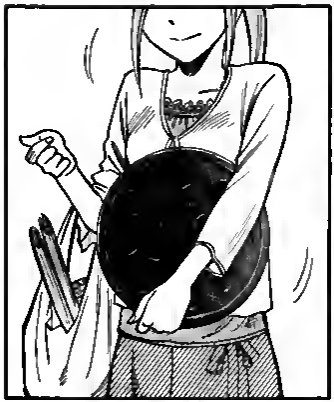


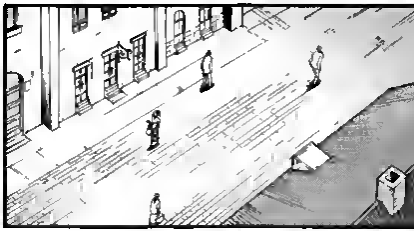
IF WE HADN'T MOVED UP,
THEN THAT USELESS COACH...
WOULD'VE BEEN FIRED IN NO TIME...
THAT WAS TOTALLY POINTLESS.
EH?
IT'S FAREWELL TO THE TEAMMATES TOO

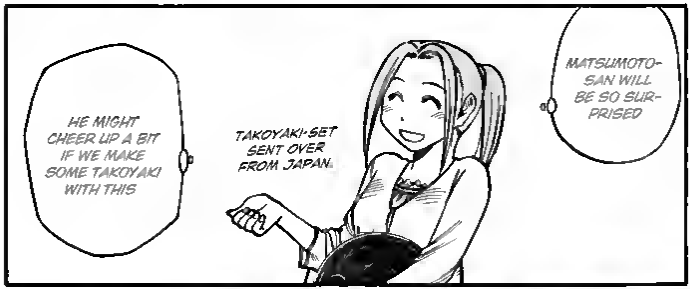
BASICALLY, WHAT YOU DID WAS TOTALLY MEANINGLESS FOR THIS TEAM.
ALSO, WITH THAT COACH, THEY'LL END UP BACK IN LEAGUE TWO NEXT SEASON
WE'RE JUST GONNA BE SOLD OFF, ANYWAY
THEY'LL JUST BE BUYING IN EVEN BETTER PLAYERS

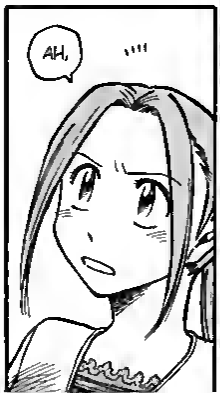

THAT'S TOO CRUEL
AREN'T YOU GUYS TEAM-MATES WHO PLAYED TOGETHER FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS AT LEAST !?
HEY... DON'T GET CON-FUSED
AS LONG AS WE CONTINUE THIS JOURNEY, YOU HAVE NO SUCH THINGS AS COMRADES

WAI MATSU-MOTO-SAN!!
YEAH... I KNOW.






HE MIGHT CHEER UP A BIT IF WE MAKE SOME TAKOYAKI WITH THIS
TAKOYAKI-SET SENT OVER FROM JAPAN.
MATSUMOTO-SAN WILL BE SO SUR-PRISED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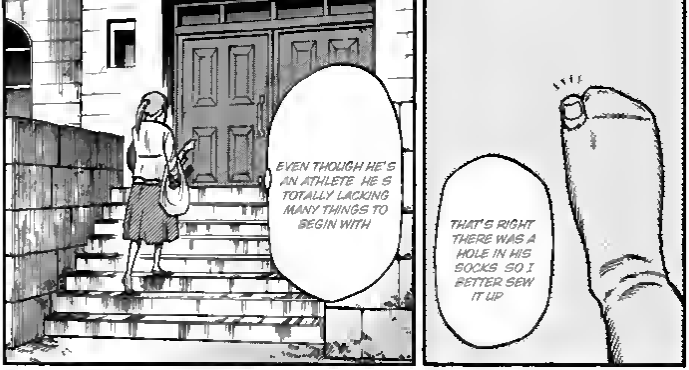
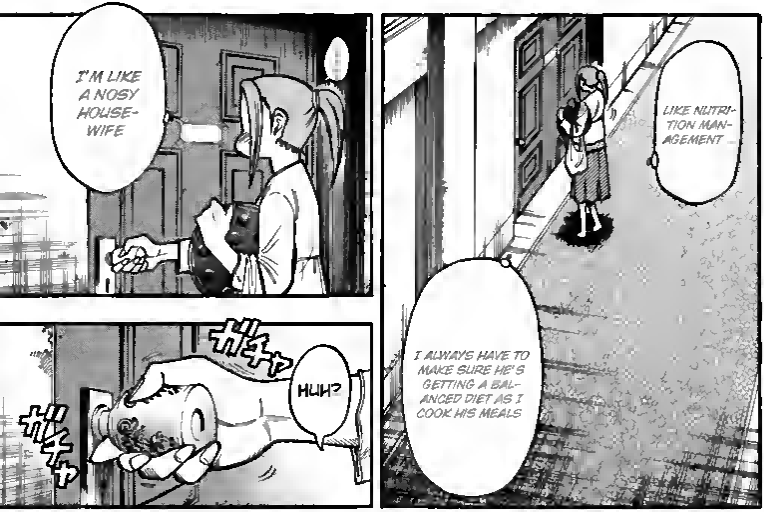
I HOPE IT WILL BE A GOOD ONE.
I WONDER WHICH TEAM HE'S GOING IN NEXT

THEN HE'LL SHOW US SOME GREAT MOVES AGAIN


EVEN THOUGH HE'S AN ATHLETE HE'S TOTALLY LACKING MANY THINGS TO BEGIN WITH
THAT'S RIGHT THERE WAS A HOLE IN HIS SOCKS SO I BETTER SEW IT UP


I'M LIKE A NOSY HOUSE-WIFE
LIKE NUTRITION MANAGEMENT
I ALWAYS HAVE TO MAKE SURE HE'S GETTING A BALANCED DIET AS I COOK HIS MEALS
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HUH?
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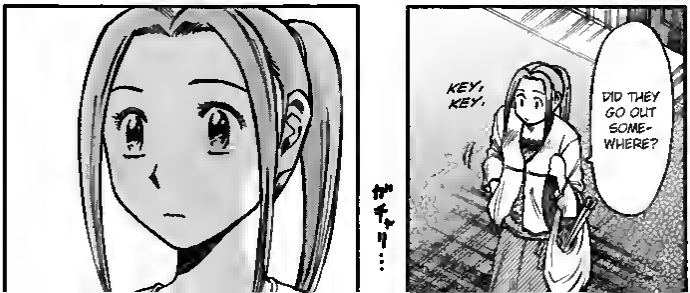
KEY, KEY.
DID THEY GO OUT SOME-WHERE?
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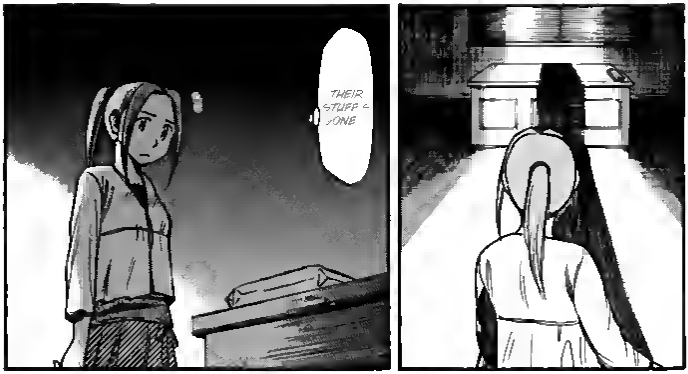
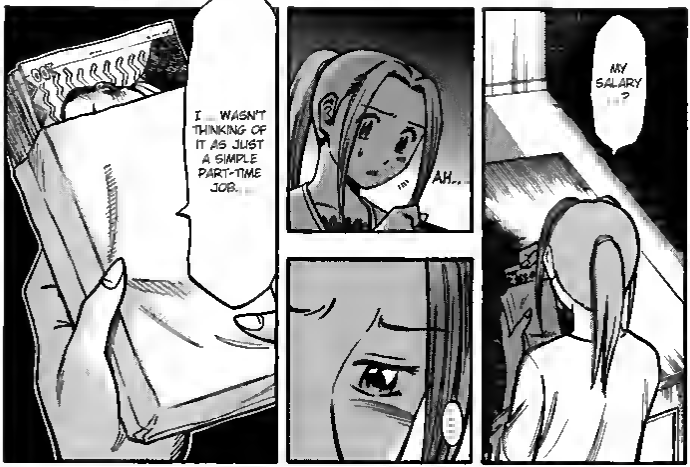
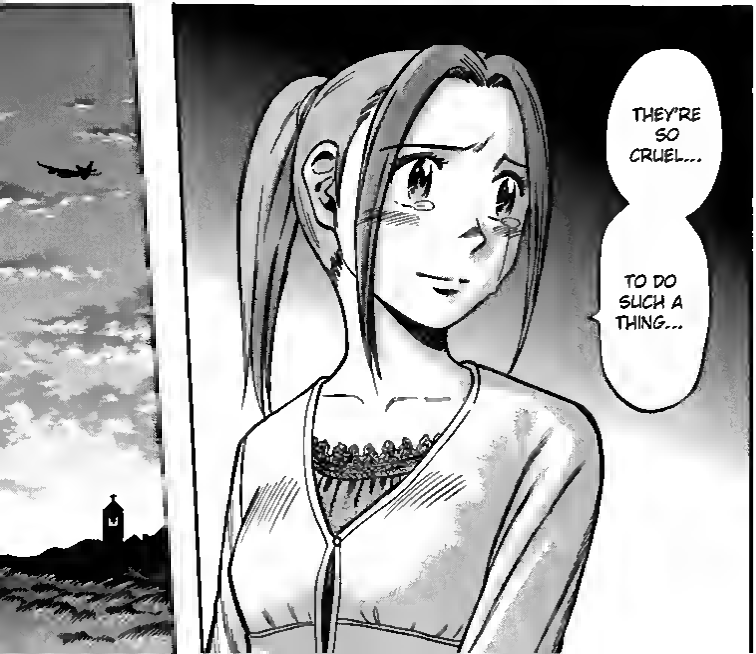



I ... WASN'T THINKING OF IT AS JUST A SIMPLE PART-TIME JOB...
AH...
MY SALARY ...?


THEY'RE SO CRUEL...
TO DO SUCH A THING...

NEXT IS...
NEVER-MIND.
SO, WHERE TO NEXT?
I WANT SOME TAKO-YAKI
WHAT?

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FAZENDA FC,
IN BRAZIL.

CHAPTER 6 NANDEYANEN!!

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IT'S OPEN.
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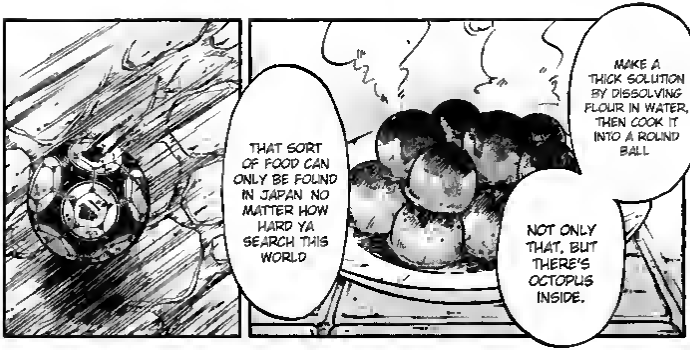
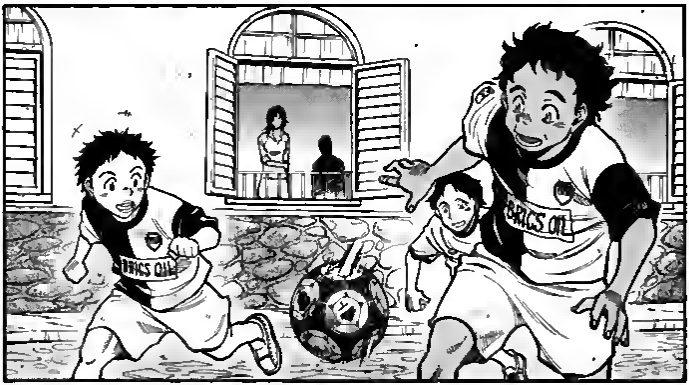
GOOD MORNING.
MOR-NIN'.
YOU'RE DOING SOME INTERESTING STUFF AGAIN
LOOKS GOOD HUH?
DO JAPANESE PEOPLE EAT THIS EVERY MORNING?
THAT'S RIGHT.


THAT SORT OF FOOD CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN JAPAN NO MATTER HOW HARD YA SEARCH THIS WORLD
MAKE A THICK SOLUTION BY DISSOLVING FLOUR IN WATER, THEN COOK IT INTO A ROUND BALL
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THERE'S OCTOPUS INSIDE.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ARE YOU SURE YOU AREN'T FROM JAPAN?
DID YOU REGAIN ANY OF YOUR MEMORIES AT ALL?

I WANNA BELIEVE THAT, BUT I REALLY CAN'T USE CHOPSTICKS FOR SOME REASON..
YA CAN'T CALL THAT JAPANESE, RIGHT?

TO BE HONEST, I REALLY DON'T KNOW

THERE'S ONE THING.. THAT'S STUCK WITH ME.

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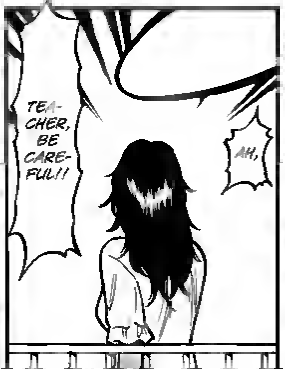
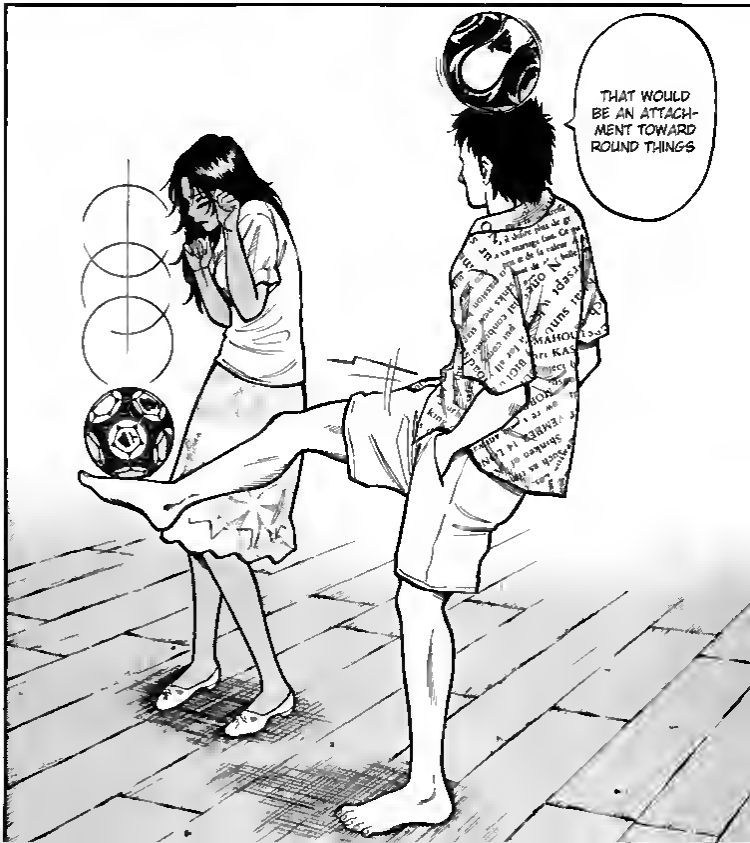
I DON'T KNOW WHO I AM, OR WHERE I'M FROM, BUT...


TEA-CHER, BE CARE-FUL!!
AH,

GOO OO!
WHERE ARE YOU KICK-ING!?


THAT WOULD BE AN ATTACH-MENT TOWARD ROUND THINGS

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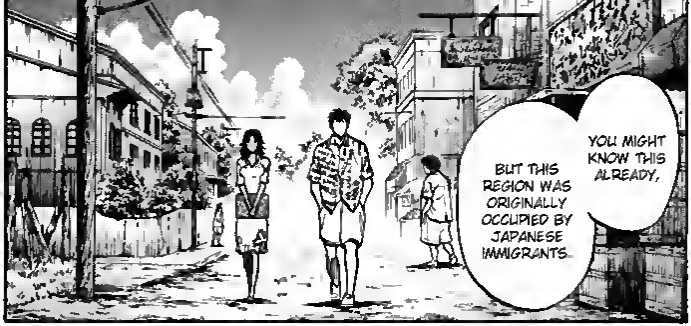
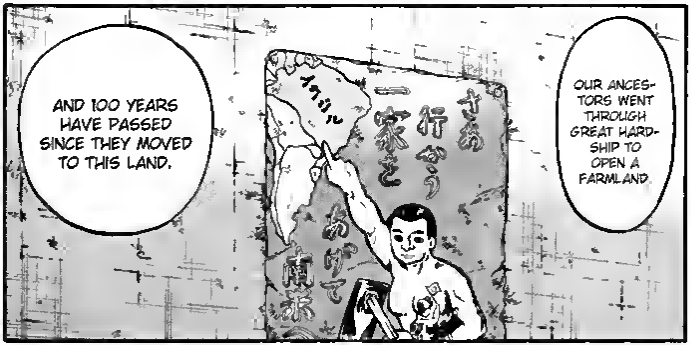
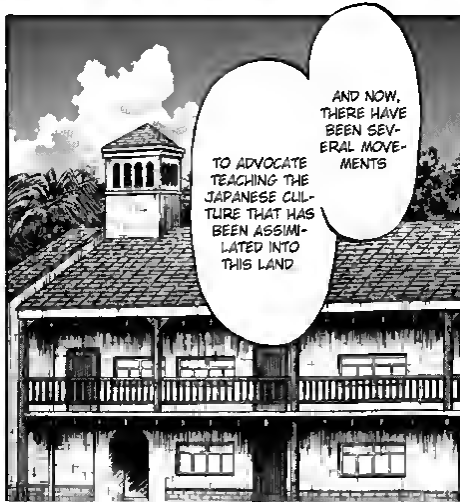
YOU'RE INTER-EST-ING
BUT, THANK GOODNESS FOR YOUR FOOTBALL SKILLS, THE KIDS ARE EASILY ACCEPTING YOU
THAT ONE'S EXTRA.
HE KICKED TWO IN ONE SHOT!
AMA-ZING !!

YE-S, ELIANE SENSEI!!
YOU GUYS, TOO! IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GUYS STOP PLAYING AROUND AND GO TO SCHOOL!!
MAT-SUMOTO SENSEI
I'M A TEACHER. THAT'S RATHER EMBARRASSING
IT MUST HAVE BEEN GOD'S GUIDANCE
IT'S SO FORTUNATE FOR US TO HAVE MET SOMEONE LIKE YOU WHO KNOWS JAPANESE.
EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OF YOUR MEMORY,
THOUGH I'VE GOT NOTHING TO DO TILL MY PARTNER FINDS ME A JOB, SO IT'S QUITE CONVENIENT.
C'MON THAT'S TOO MUCH.
I'M JUST A TEMPORARY TEACHING AID, Y'KNOW?



POSTER: LET'S GO! BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO SOUTH AMERICA!




AND NOW, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL MOVEMENTS
TO ADVOCATE TEACHING THE JAPANESE CULTURE THAT HAS BEEN ASSIMILATED INTO THIS LAND

THE JAPANESE THAT EVEN US ADULTS HAVE FORGOTTEN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
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WE WANT YOU TO TEACH THOSE KIDS

OKAY, READ THIS.
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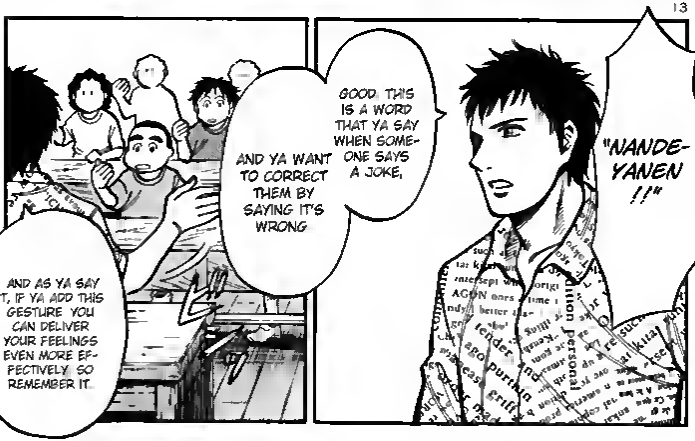
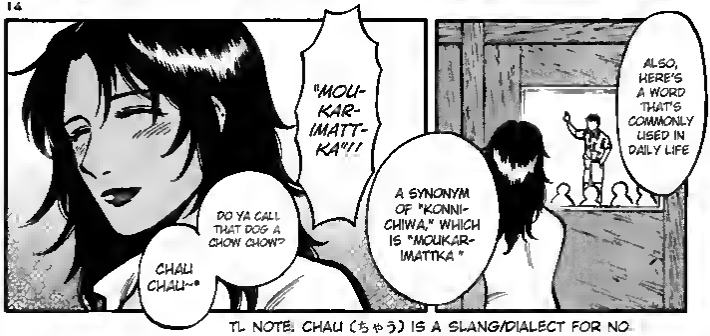
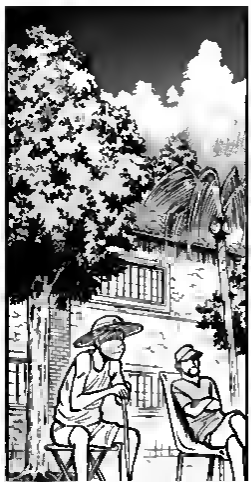
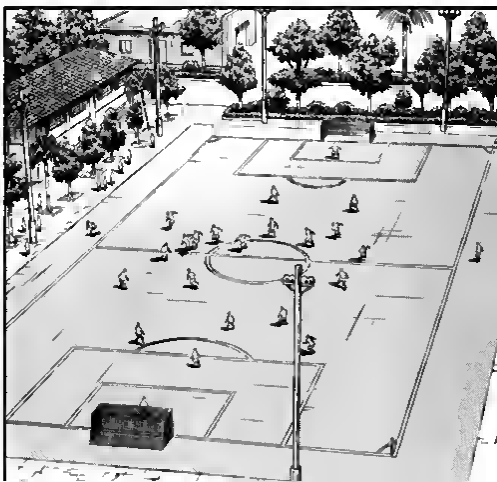

AND AS YA SAY IT, IF YA ADD THIS GESTURE YOU CAN DELIVER YOUR FEELINGS EVEN MORE EFFECTIVELY. SO REMEMBER IT.
AND YA WANT TO CORRECT THEM BY SAYING IT'S WRONG
GOOD. THIS IS A WORD THAT YA SAY WHEN SOMEONE SAYS A JOKE,
"NANDE-YANEN!!"


"MOU-KAR-IMATT-KA"!!
DO YA CALL THAT DOG A CHOW CHOW?
CHAU CHAU~•
A SYNONYM OF "KONNI-CHIWA," WHICH IS "MOUKAR-IMATTKA."
ALSO, HERE'S A WORD THAT'S COMMONLY USED IN DAILY LIFE

TL NOTE: CHAU (ちゃう) IS A SLANG/DIALECT FOR NO.





KEEPER, HE'S COMING!!
GIVE US MORE DIREC-TIONS!!
CUT HIM OFF!!
HE'S GONNA SHOOT!!
...
KICK

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GET IT!!

DON'T YOU FUMBLE, KEEPER!!

AREN'T THERE ANY PROPER KEEPERS AROUND HERE?
NOT AGAIN.. AS EXPECTED, WE CAN'T RELY ON A QUICK-FIX KEEPER.

THERE'S NO ONE WHO WANTS TO PLAY KEEPER.
SINCE BRAZILIANS FIND JOY IN PASSING BY THEIR OPPONENTS,

PHEW
LIKE I CARE.
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IF HE'S JAPANESE IN THE FIRST PLACE
IT'S A JAPANESE SAYING THAT'S BEEN PASSED DOWN IN MY FAMILY
THE HECK'S THAT?
"IF YOU CLEAR ALL MUNDANE THOUGHTS, EVEN FIRE WOULD BE COLD"
THAT ASIAN'S HERE AGAIN
AND HE'S WEARING A SUIT IN THIS FREAKIN' HEAT

HE-Y, GIVE ME THE BALL
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OH YEAH!! HE'S JAPA-NESE
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT KICK...
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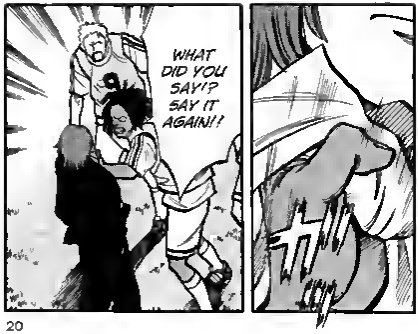
HE-Y, YOU'RE JAPANESE
A SAD STORY THAT, IN BRAZIL, THEY MAKE FUN OF PEOPLE WHO'RE BAD AT FOOTBALL BY CALLING THEM "JAPANESE"
I'LL PASS
WANT MY AUTO-GRAPH?
ARE YOU A FAN OF OURS?
HEY, IT'S BEEN A WEEK AL-READY
YOU CAN'T TELL FOR SURE
WE BETTER ASK HIM
TCH
HA HA HA, IT'S TOO REAL EACH!!
ALRI-...GHT!
I KNEW IT''
I'M JAPA-NESE
BY THE WAY, WHICH COUNTRY ARE YOU FROM?

HUH?
THIS TEAM SURE HAS FALLEN
TILL A FEW YEARS AGO, IT WAS A TOP-CLASS TEAM THAT COULD EVEN COMPETE AGAINST THAT SAN PAULO FC.

AND LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY ONES LEFT...
BUT MOST OF YOUR PLAYERS HAVE MOVED TO THE BRAND NEW TEAM FROM THAT BIG CITY OVER THERE.

ARE EITHER LOYAL MEN WHO HAVE A GREAT ATTACHMENT TO THIS TEAM.
OR ARE JUST GOOD-FOR-NOTHING LEFTOVERS.


WHAT DID YOU SAY!? SAY IT AGAIN!!

STOP, GUIYANA

TIAGO ...
YOU'RE AN UNFAMILIAR FACE IF YOU'RE HERE FOR TOURISM, GO TO RIO
THERE AREN'T ANY GOOD SIGHT-SEEING SPOTS AROUND HERE
WHAT!?
I KNEW IT, YOU...
NO ...
OR ARE YOU ANOTHER SCOUT?

!?

IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND.
I CAME HERE HOPING TO ASSIST YOU FELLOWS,
WHO'RE HAVING SUCH A HARD TIME.

YOU'VE GOT QUITE A TASTE.
NOT FOR THAT TEAM OVER THERE, BUT FOR THIS TEAM HERE?

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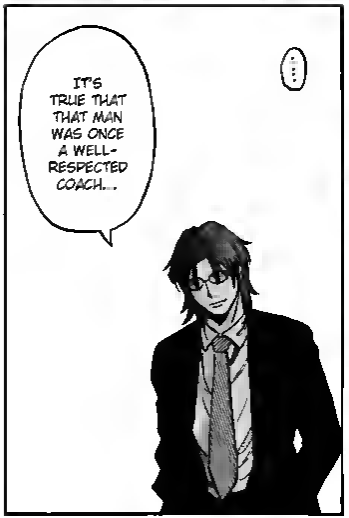
IT'S TRUE THAT THAT MAN WAS ONCE A WELL-RESPECTED COACH...
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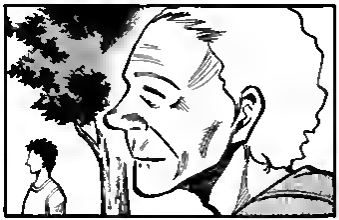
IF YOU WANT TO DO THAT KIND OF BUSINESS, THEN GO TALK TO THAT COACH SITTING OVER THERE



THE LAST FORTRESS OF THIS TEAM, LITTLE DE TIAGO.
BUT HE'S GOTTEN OLD...
THE ONE WHO'S CURRENTLY IN CHARGE OF THIS TEAM IS YOU.

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RIGHT NOW, THIS TOWN'S IN A CRITICAL CONDITION...
I KNOW THE SITUATION YOU'RE IN.

A GREAT INDUSTRIAL WAVE IS TRYING TO SWEEP THROUGH THIS TOWN...

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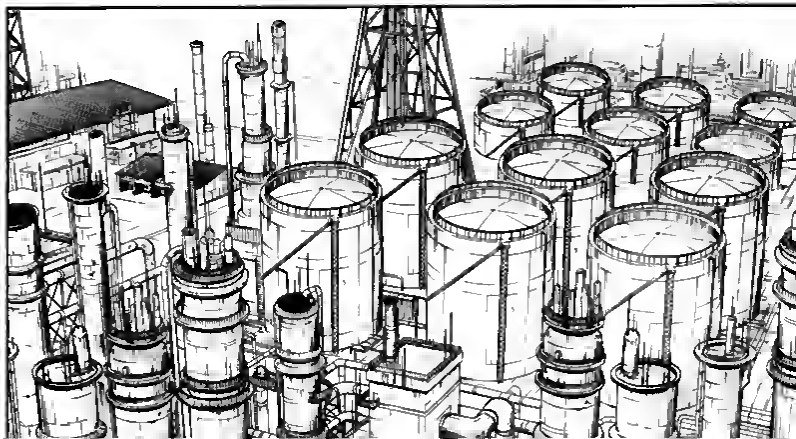

BUT THE OCCUPANTS OF THIS LAND WON'T ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN
IN ORDER TO EXPAND THEIR EVER-GROWING WEALTH EVEN MORE, THE ENTREPRENEURS OF THAT BIG CITY
ARE DESPERATELY CRAVING FOR THIS LAND.

WALKWAYS THAT CROSS THROUGH BLOSSOMING FLOWERS...

LAKES THAT ECHO THE LAUGHTER OF JOYFUL KIDS...

COFFEE FARMS AND ACELORA FIELDS THAT'VE BEEN PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.
IT'S NEEDLESS TO SAY HOW DEEP THE HISTORY OF THIS TOWN IS...
AND THERE'S PRIDE WITHIN THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE INHERITED THESE LANDS.

OUR PRIDE ...
TEACH YOU SOME JAPANESE GAMES?
WHAT'S THAT?
THEN WHY DON'T WE PLAY SOME COPS AND ROBBERS?
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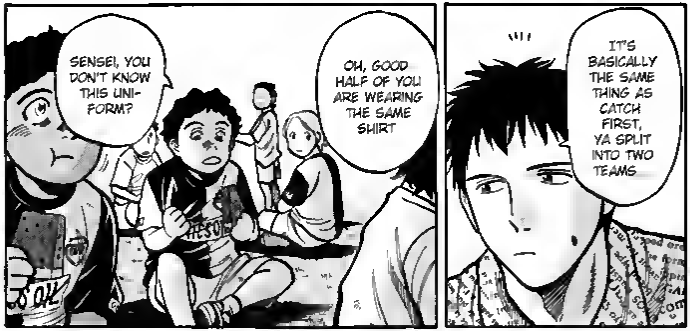
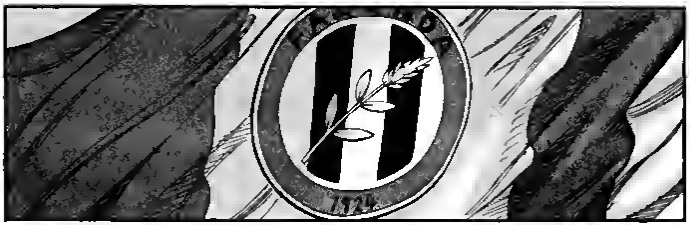

SENSEI, YOU DON'T KNOW THIS UNI-FORM?
OH, GOOD HALF OF YOU ARE WEARING THE SAME SHIRT
IT'S BASICALLY THE SAME THING AS CATCH FIRST, YA SPLIT INTO TWO TEAMS

IT'S SUPER COOL AND STRONG.
THIS IS THE UNI-FORM FROM THE FOOT-BALL TEAM FROM THAT BIG CITY

AIN'T THERE A FOOTBALL TEAM IN THIS TOWN, TOO?
THERE IS, BUT
IT'S LAME
I GUESS FOR A LAME-O LIKE HIM, THIS UNIFORM WORKS PRETTY WELL

YES... THE ONE WHO REPRESENTS THE EPITOME OF THIS PRIDE...

IS THE ONE THAT HAS BEEN THE EMOTIONAL PILLAR OF THE PEOPLE EVER SINCE THE CREATION OF THIS TOWN, THE FAZENDA FC.



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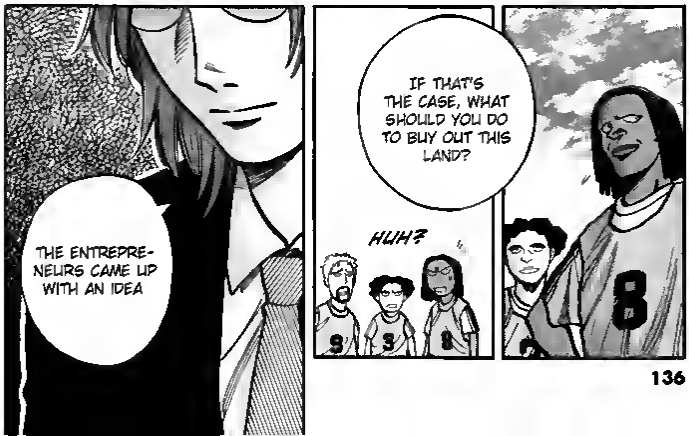
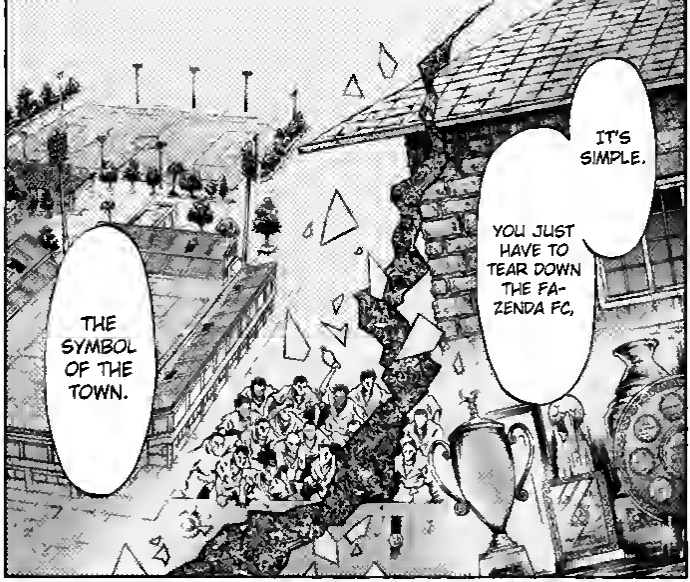

THE ENTREPRE-NEURS CAME UP WITH AN IDEA
IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO TO BUY OUT THIS LAND?
HUH?


IT'S SIMPLE.
YOU JUST HAVE TO TEAR DOWN THE FA-ZENDA FC,
THE SYMBOL OF THE TOWN.

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME
FOR A WEALTHY TEAM WITH ABUNDANT RESOURCES TO TRAMPLE DOWN A FALLING TEAM
N, NO WAY WE'LL LET THAT HAPPEN !!
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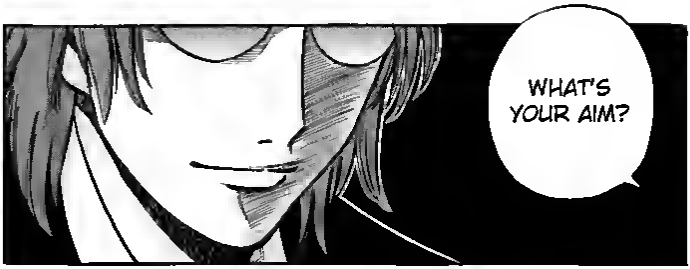
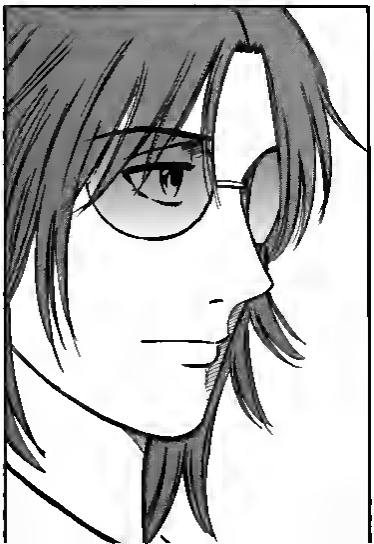
IF YOU KNOW THAT MUCH, THEN WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO HELP US?
JUST SO YOU KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.

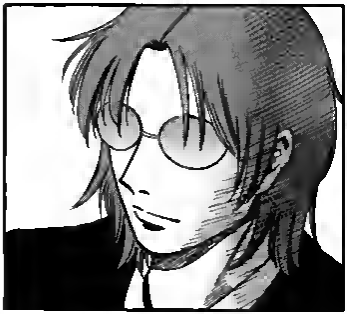

WHAT'S YOUR AIM?

AS SOMEONE WHO SHARES THE SAME ROOTS AS YOU GUYS, I WANT TO BE YOUR STRENGTH...
IS THAT NOT ENOUGH?



AS YOU'VE SAID, WE CAN'T DENY THE FACT THAT WE'RE SUFFERING DUE TO A LACK OF TALENT.

HEY?



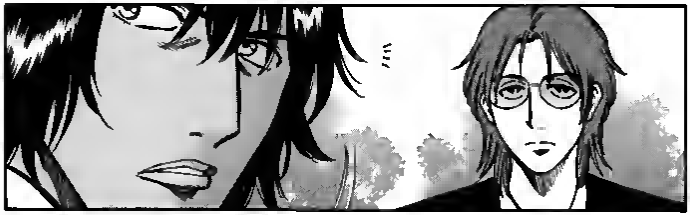
H-HEY, TIAGO LET'S NOT.
HE'S PRETTY BAD.

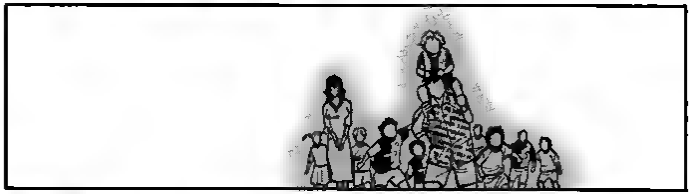
I WILL HEAR YOU OUT. AT LEAST
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO BE OUR STRENGTH?

THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO BECOME YOUR STRENGTH ISN'T ME

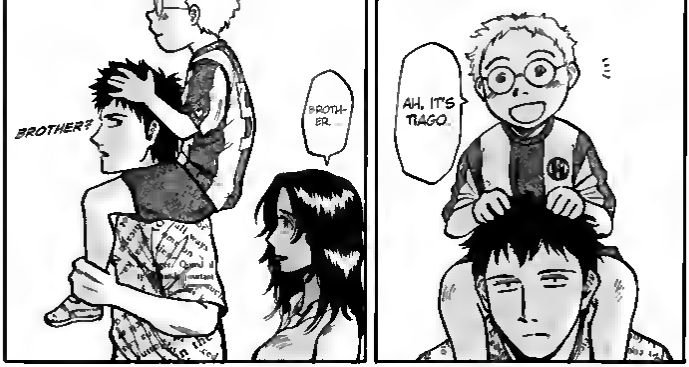
I'M JUST AN AGENT WHO WILL BE BRINGING YOU THE MAN WHO'LL BECOME THE "MESSIAH" OF YOUR TEAM
AN AGENT FOR A MESSIAH?

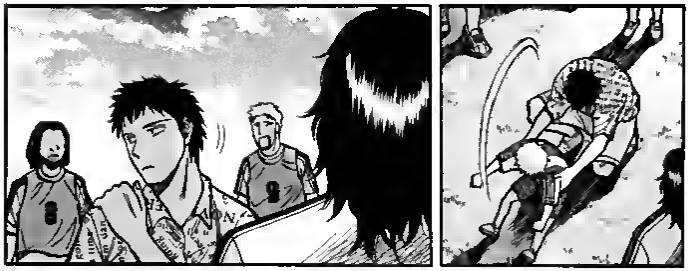
SO, WHERE'S THIS GREAT MESSIAH, THE SON OF GOD!?
I THOUGHT PURE JAPANESE WERE MORE HUMBLE AND MODEST
AHAHA HA!
THAT'S QUITE THE STORY!!





FOR REAL!?
ALTHOUGH THEY'RE NOTHING NOW
BUT OUR TEAM USED TO BE SUPER STRONG WAY BACK!!
AHAHAHA!
THEN I'LL MAKE THEM STRONGER AGAIN


BROTHER?
BROTH-ER.
AH, IT'S TIAGO.



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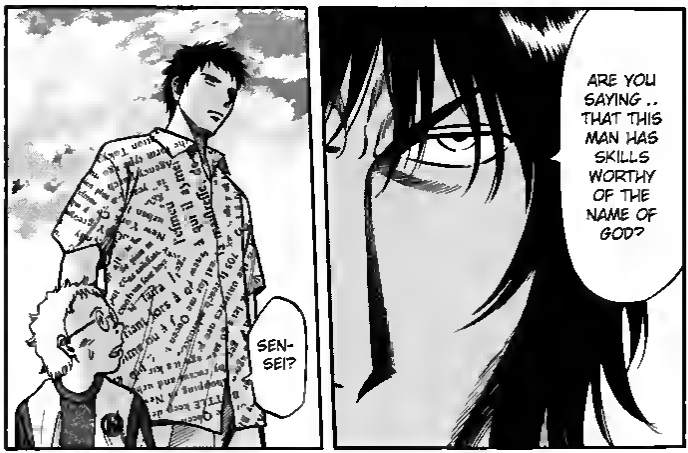
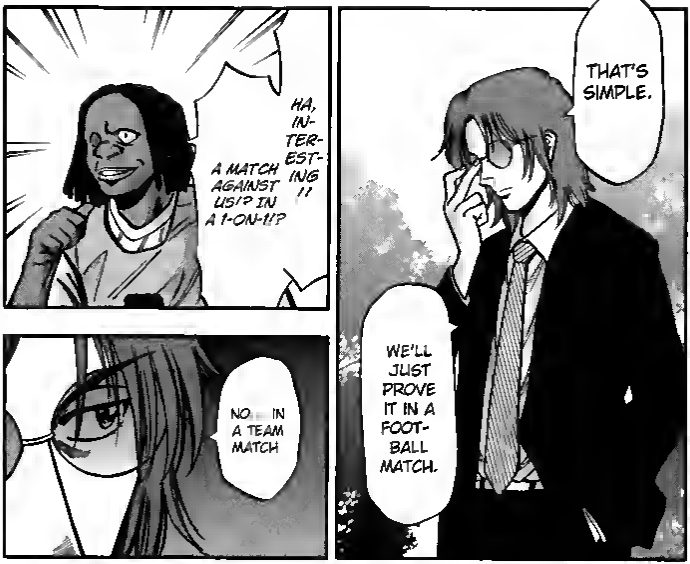
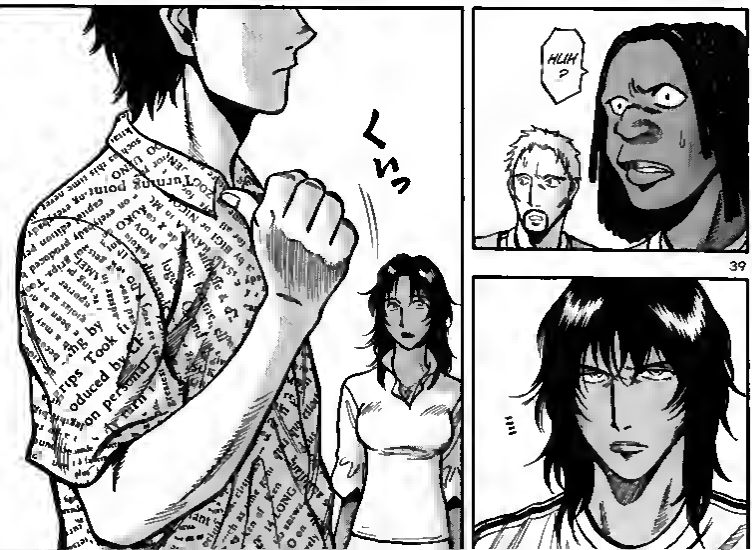

SEN-SEI?
ARE YOU SAYING .. THAT THIS MAN HAS SKILLS WORTHY OF THE NAME OF GOD?


HA, INTERESTING!!
A MATCH AGAINST US!? IN A 1-ON-1!?
THAT'S SIMPLE.
WE'LL JUST PROVE IT IN A FOOTBALL MATCH.
NO... IN A TEAM MATCH


HUH?
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THESE ARE MY TEAM-MATES.
BRICS
BRICS OIL
NAN-DE-YA-NEN!

CHAPTER 07: CORNER THE THIEF!
SUPPLYING THE GOODS WON'T BE A PROBLEM
IF WE SECURE THE HIGHWAY TO SAN PAULO.
THERE'S MUCH MORE SUITABLE LAND RIGHT IN FRONT OF US.
THERE'S TOO MANY DRAWBACKS IN CLEARING A JUNGLE?
WHAT ARE YOU, STUPID?
YEAH.
CRUSHING THEIR SPIRITS IS ALL TOO EASY
MAKE 'EM MOVE.

I'LL DESTROY THAT TEAM WITHIN THE YEAR. ONCE THE TOWN'S DRIVING FORCE DISAPPEARS, EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE JUST A MATTER OF TIME.

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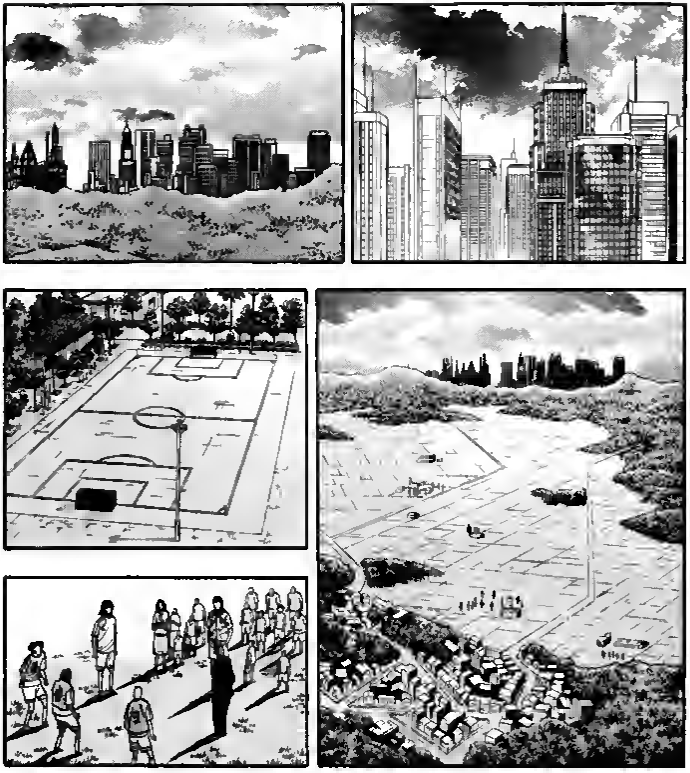

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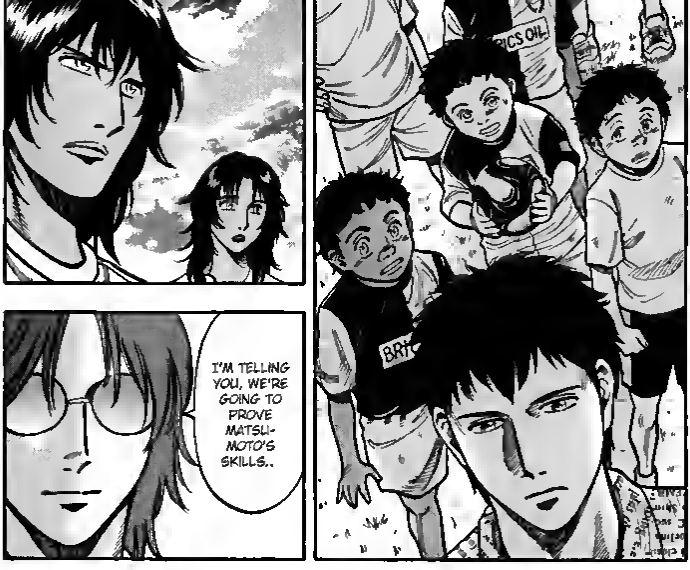
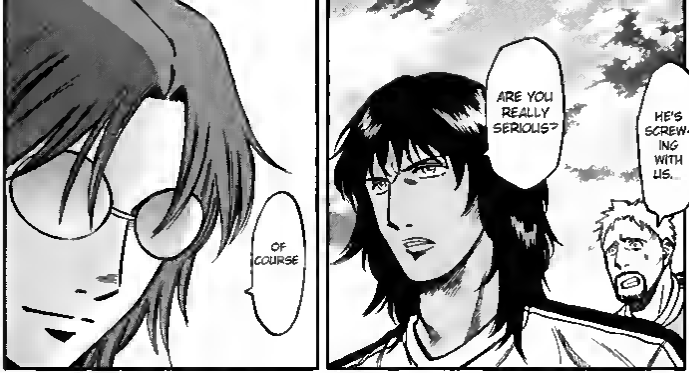
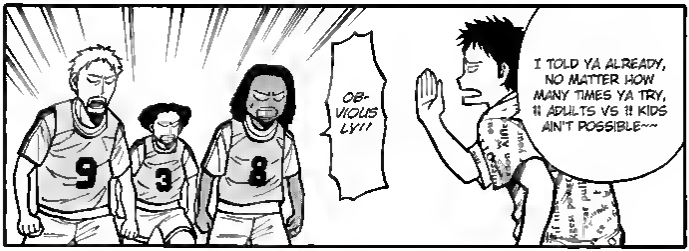
WHY DO WE HAVE TO PLAY A BUNCH OF LITTLE KIDS!?
I ASKED YOU ONCE ALEADY !!


I'M TELLING YOU, WE'RE GOING TO PROVE MATSU-MOTO'S SKILLS..

BY SHOW-ING YOU HOW HE LEADS THESE KIDS TO VICTORY AGAINST YOU GUYS.


OF COURSE
ARE YOU REALLY SERIOUS?
HE'S SCREWING WITH US.


I TOLD YA ALREADY, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YA TRY, !! ADULTS VS !! KIDS AIN'T POSSIBLE~~~
OBVIOUSLY!!
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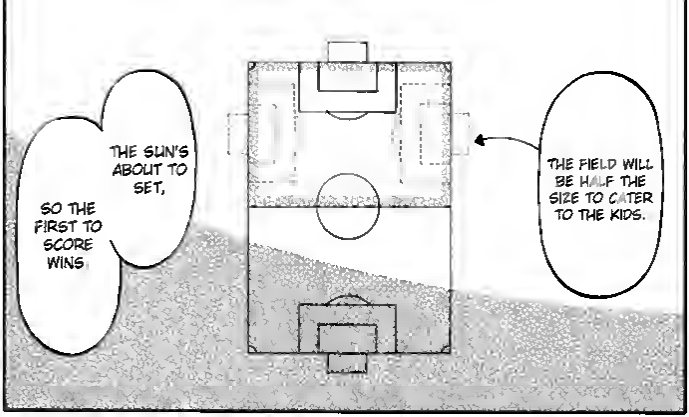
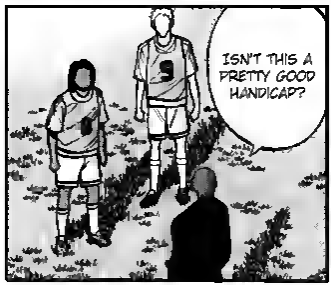
ALSO,
SO, THERE SHOULD BE A CONDITION.
WE WILL BE A 13 PERSON TEAM, INCLUDING ME . .
AND YA FOLKS WILL BE THREE ADULTS HOW 'BOUT THAT?


THE SUN'S ABOUT TO SET,
SO THE FIRST TO SCORE WINS.
THE FIELD WILL BE HALF THE SIZE TO CATER TO THE KIDS.

THA-I'LL BE FINE, RIGHT!?
IT SOUNDS FUN, LET'S DO IT!!


ISN'T THIS A PRETTY GOOD HANDICAP?

IT'S THE CURSED LOCUSTS FC'S UNIFORM!!
AND WHAT THE HECK'S THAT UNIFORM YOU'RE WEARING!?
BRICS OIL

NO MATTER HOW ROTTEN, THEY'RE STILL PROS.
EH, THERE'S NO WAY WE'D WIN!
IF YER GONNA PLAY, YA GOTTA PLAY TO WIN
WHY YOU JUST CALL US HOT TEA!?

WHAT ?
CAUSE KIDS ARE HONEST
GYA!
TAKE IT OFF!!
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A PART OF THIS TOWN!?
IT'S NATURAL FOR KIDS TO FOLLOW THE STRONGER TEAM
BUT STILL LOOK CAREFULLY ...
YOU'RE DOIN' A GOOD JOB OF PISSIN' ME OFF.
TCH.
THERE ARE STILL SOME FANS HEROICALLY ROOTING FOR YA
BUT ...
ANYWAY, THERE ARE ONLY THREE OPPONENTS
I'LL BE THE KEEPER

IT'S OKAY.
WE JUST PLAYED THAT THING CALLED "COPS & ROBBERS," RIGHT?
THAT'S OUR PLAN.
AND ...
TRY TO IMAGINE YOUR-SELVES WINNING.
KIDS WINNING AGAINST A PRO IS TOTALLY UNHEARD OF.

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WELL? CAN'T YA FEEL THE THRILL?
YEAH !!
THIS IS STUPID WE'RE ALL TIRED FROM PRACTICE
THERE'S NO TIME FOR DEALING WITH BRATS!!

PLEASE PLAY SERIOUSLY
DON'T THINK OF IT AS A JOKE
COME ON, IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA JUST THINK OF IT AS A FAVOR TO THE FANS
LET'S JUST HAVE SOME FUN
AL-RIGHT THEN
WHY DON'T YOU GO PLAY IN-STEAD !?
WE TOLD YOU !!
WHAT DO WE GET FOR DOING THIS!?

IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT...
I'LL THROW ON A REWARD OF 10,000 REAL TO THE WINNER OF THIS MATCH.

AH!?
NOW YOU'RE T_LKIN' MY LAN-GUAGE.
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YOU SAID THE WINNER GETS IT, RIGHT!?
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HEY TEACHER, CAN I PLAY TOO?
SHUT UP! THIS IS OUR MATCH!!
SCREW OFF!!
WHAT THE HECK, WEREN'T YOU LEA-VING?
WHAT DID YOU SAY, ZEKI GEVA!?

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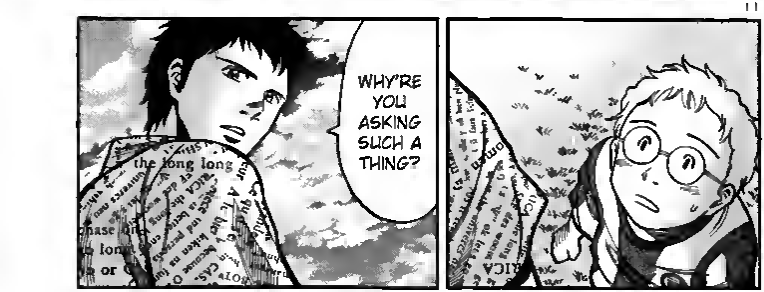
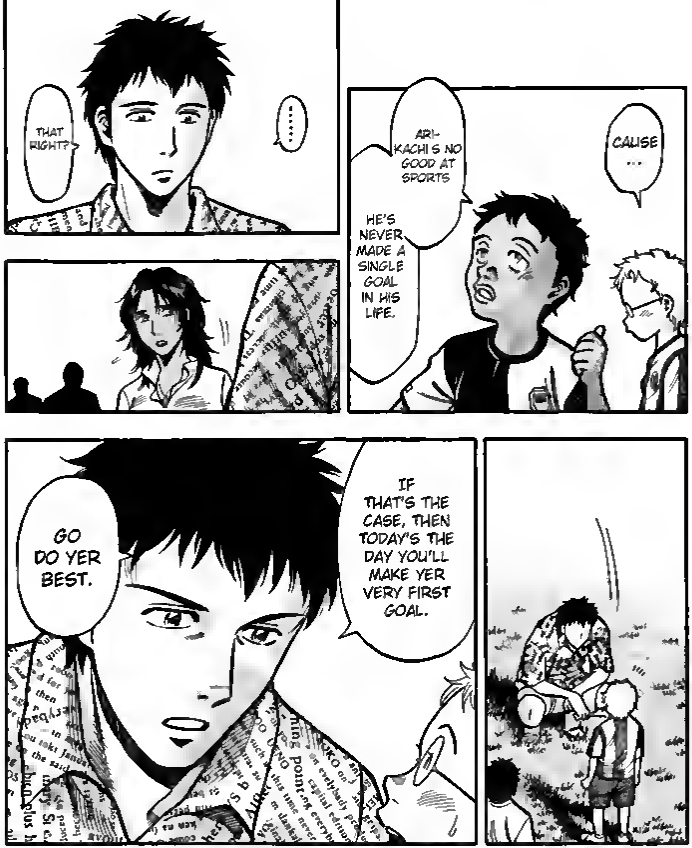

WHY'RE YOU ASKING SUCH A THING?


THAT RIGHT?
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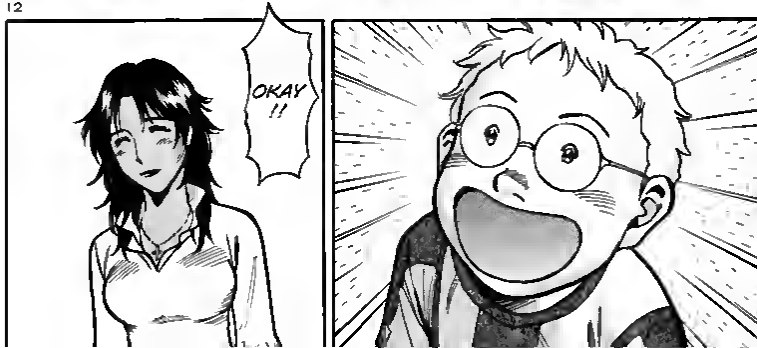
CAUSE ...
ARI-KACHI IS NO GOOD AT SPORTS
HE'S NEVER MADE A SINGLE GOAL IN HIS LIFE.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN TODAY'S THE DAY YOU'LL MAKE YER VERY FIRST GOAL.
GO DO YER BEST.


OKAY !!

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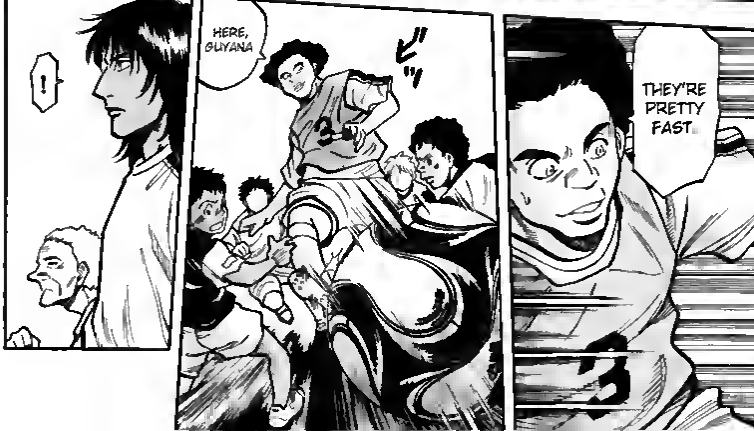
GEEZ. WHAT'S HE THINKING
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO, EVEN WITH THAT HANDICAP
WELL I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT
COACH ?
IT'S JUST LIKE WATCHING YOU GUYS WHEN YOU WERE KIDS.

I'M SAYING THAT IF YOU GIVE'EM 5-6 YEARS,
THESE KIDS MIGHT END UP STANDING ON THE SAME FIELD AS YOU GUYS.
PI!
WAH!

DON'T NEED ONE
HEY HEY, WHO'S GONNA BE THE KEEPER?
10,000 REAL IN 10 SECONDS IS JUST TOO GOOD.
3,333 REAL PER PERSON?
I WANNA GET SOME BEER SOON.
SORRY, BUT WE'LL END THIS IN 10 SECONDS.
SHIT.
AH-

GO CORNER THE THIEF!!
CALM DOWN !!

I GET IT!!
WHAT!?


THEY'RE PRETTY FAST.
HERE, GUYANA
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KAY.
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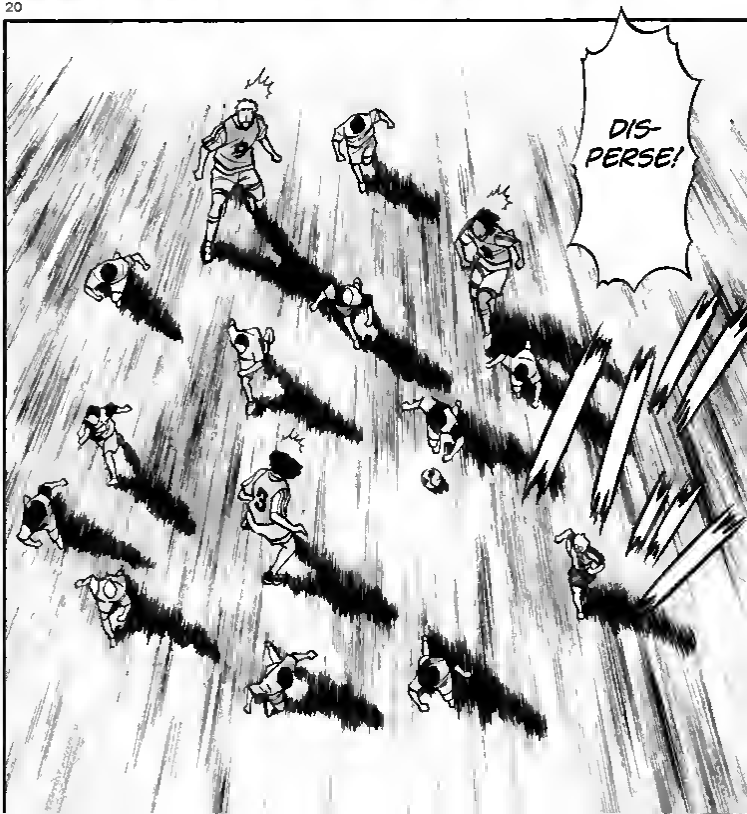
YEAH.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GUYANU?
GIVE IT TO ME!!
WHAT IS THIS... THEY'RE FIGHTING IN NUMBERS...

FIRST, SEPARATE THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.
YOU SURE TAUGHT SOME NEAT STUFF TO THE BRATS.
4-TO-1 TIGHT MARK, HUH!?

THIS TIME, YOU FOLKS ARE THE ROBBERS!!
NICE, GAVIRA !!
HE'S COMING FROM BEHIND!!
I GOT IT!
AH!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING GUY-ANA!?


DIS-PERSE!

THEN, EXPAND.
DON'T YOU DARE LOOK DOWN ON US ADULTS!
UGAH ~!
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AH!
CE-NOURA!! YER LEFT IS OPEN!
UMM...

TCH...
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SHIT.
AND KEEP IT GOING.
JUST KEEP HOLDING ONTO THE BALL.
AH,
SHOOT...
HEY!! THE GOAL'S WIDE OPEN!! JUST SHOOT IT!!

HE, HEY HOLD UP A SEC-OND!!
SHOOOOOT!!
SHIT!
THAT WAS CLOSE ...

LASTLY, STAMINA THAT CAN KEEP UP WITH THIS CONTINUOUS MOTION.
SHIT, WE'RE STARTING ALL OVER AGAIN!!
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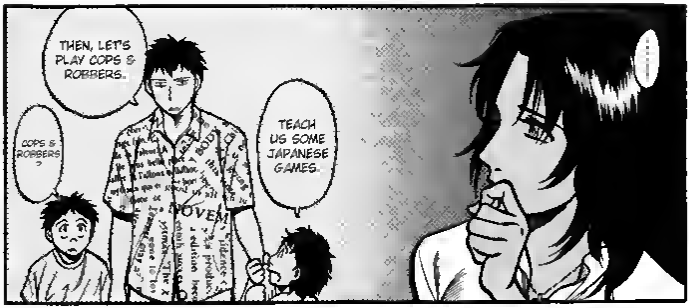
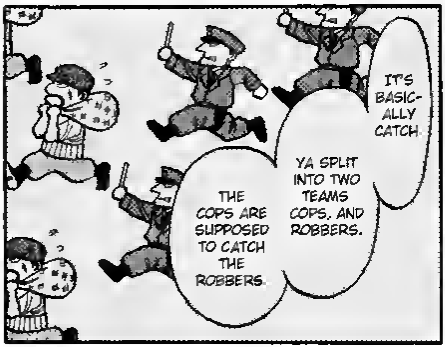
HEY ELIANE, WHEN DID HE TEACH THESE KIDS SUCH ORGANIZED TACTICS?

BASED ON THIS PLAN, WE FIGURED THAT THE KIDS HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF WINNING.

AH, THAT'S RIGHT...
IT'S TRUE THAT THEY WERE HAVING FUN PLAYING FOOTBALL TOGETHER..
THERE'S NOTHING, REALLY..

WHAT'S THAT...
I THINK THEY WERE MOVING SORT OF LIKE THAT...
THEY WERE PLAYING A JAPANESE GAME CALLED..."COPS & ROBBERS"?


THEN, LET'S PLAY COPS & ROBBERS.
COPS & ROBBERS?
TEACH US SOME JAPANESE GAMES.


IT'S BASICALLY CATCH.
YA SPLIT INTO TWO TEAMS COPS, AND ROBBERS.
THE COPS ARE SUPPOSED TO CATCH THE ROBBERS.

IT'S THAT THING TOKIO PLAYS A LOT IN TETSUWAN DASH.
WHAT'S THAT?
DUN-NO-

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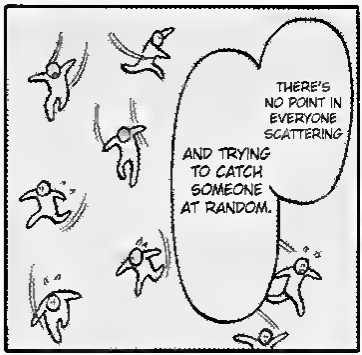
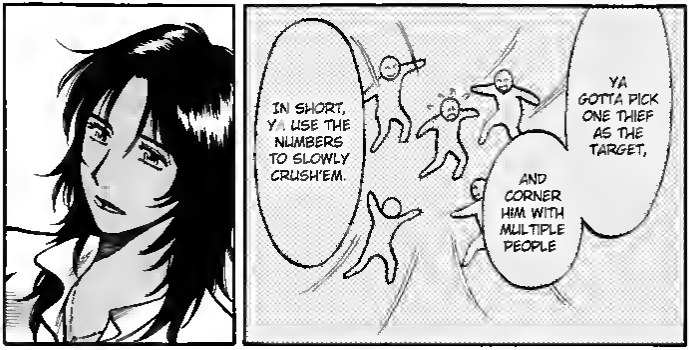
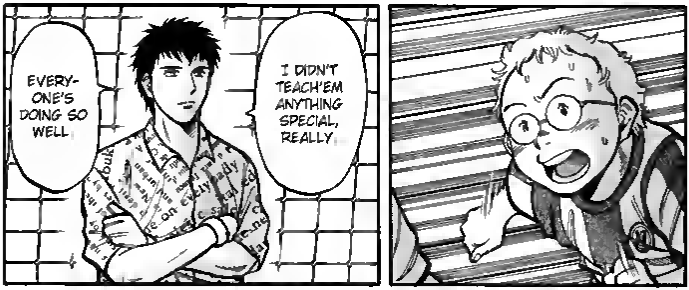

THERE'S NO POINT IN EVERYONE SCATTERING AND TRYING TO CATCH SOMEONE AT RANDOM.

EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMS SIMPLE, IT'S ACTUALLY A COMPLEX PSYCHOLOGICAL BATTLE.
THEN YOU GUYS ARE THE COPS.


YA GOTTA PICK ONE THIEF AS THE TARGET,
AND CORNER HIM WITH MULTIPLE PEOPLE
IN SHORT, YA USE THE NUMBERS TO SLOWLY CRUSH'EM.


I DIDN'T TEACH'EM ANYTHING SPECIAL, REALLY.
EVERY-ONE'S DOING SO WELL.

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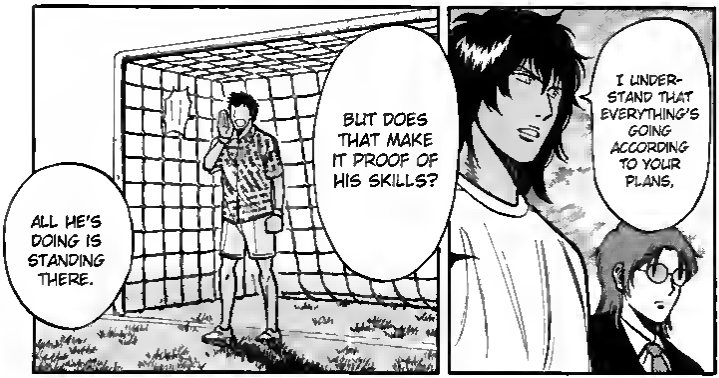
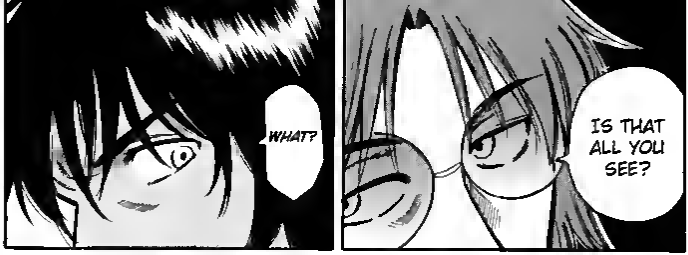
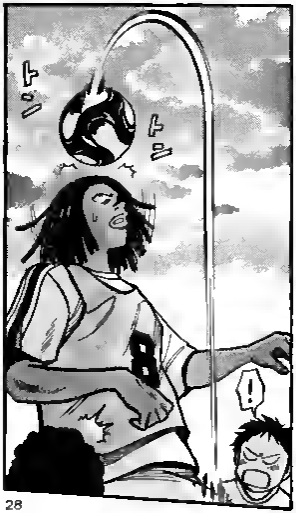

I UNDER-STAND THAT EVERYTHING'S GOING ACCORDING TO YOUR PLANS.
BUT DOES THAT MAKE IT PROOF OF HIS SKILLS?
ALL HE'S DOING IS STANDING THERE.


WHAT?
IS THAT ALL YOU SEE?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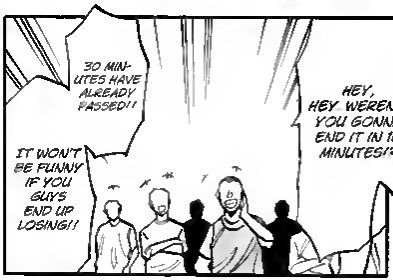
30 MINUTES HAVE ALREADY PASSED!!
HEY, HEY. WEREN'T YOU GONNA END IT IN 10 MINUTES!?
IT WON'T BE FUNNY IF YOU GUYS END UP LOSING!!

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SHIT I DIDN'T WANNA RESORT TO THIS, BUT...

TCH,
I CAN'T MOVE IF THEY KEEP FOLLOWING ME LIKE THIS

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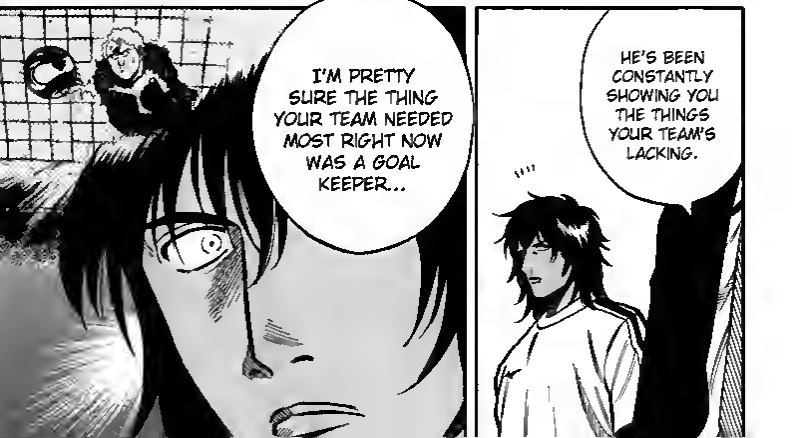
HEY!

SHUT UP. ADULTS ARE COLD.
HEY AND YOU CALL YOURSELVES ADULTS!?
CHEATERS
OK.
HEY, MASH.
GAVIRA, CLEAR HIM A PATH!! JUST MARK HIM TIGHTLY FROM THE RIGHT!!
NO WORRIES, NO WORRIES!!


I'M PRETTY SURE THE THING YOUR TEAM NEEDED MOST RIGHT NOW WAS A GOAL KEEPER...
HE'S BEEN CONSTANTLY SHOWING YOU THE THINGS YOUR TEAM'S LACKING.

IT'S THE END, KIDS.
EEH !?
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AH, HE'S ALREADY IN FRONT OF THE GOAL!!

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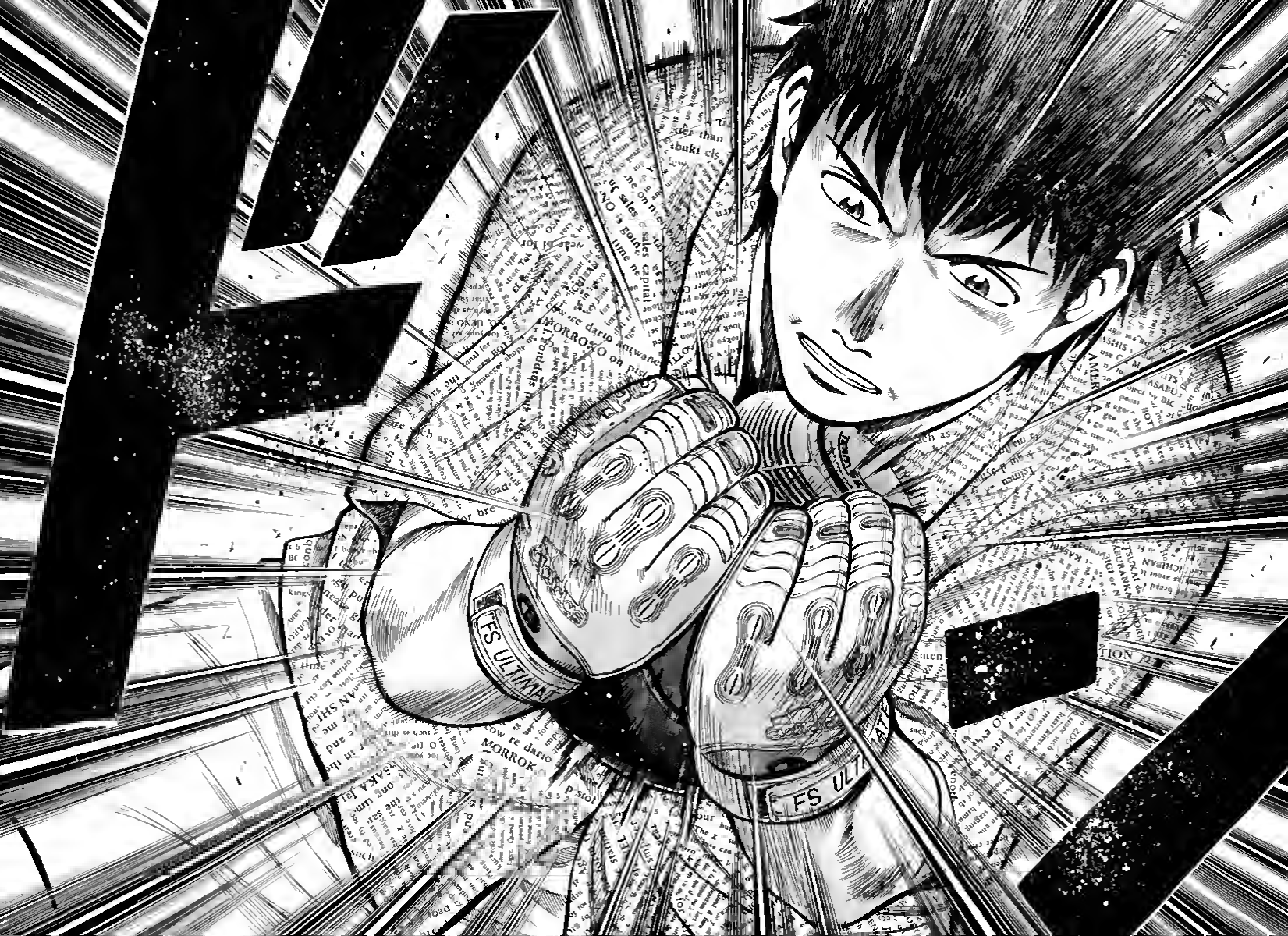
TEA-CHER !!
AN OVERHEAD KICK!?

LEAVE IT TO ME.
ALRIGHT! HERE COMES THE 10,000 REAL!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SHIT! LUCKY BASTARD!

STOP MESSIN' UP!!
HUH? RIGHT TO HIM?

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LUCKY, HUH?

GO FOR IT, EVERY-ONE!! COME BACK WITH A GOAL!!

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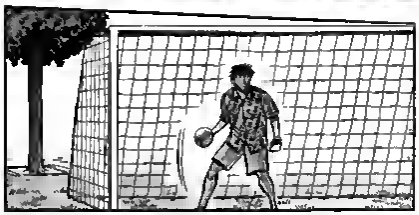
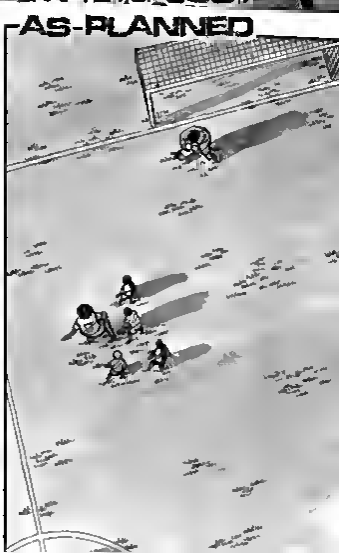
NICE CATCH, TEACHER!
IT WENT RIGHT AT HIM!?

CHAPTER 8: JUST AS-PLANNED





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AS A DEFENDER AND A CENTER BACK,
YOU MUST UNDERSTAND WHAT JUST HAPPENED.
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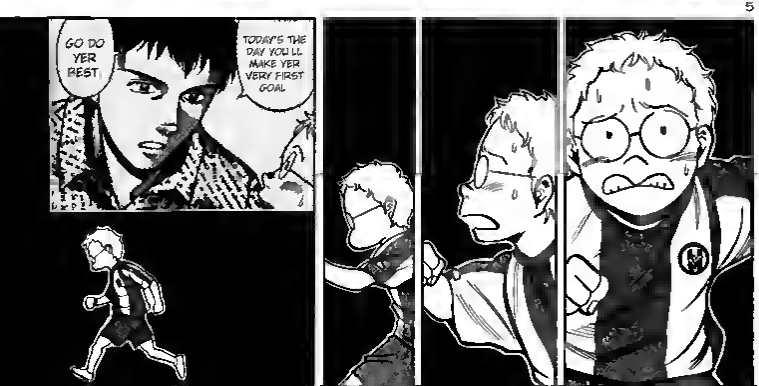
TCH,
HE JUST GOT LUCKY
!
ARE YOU TELLING ME HE TAUGHT THOSE KIDS THAT MUCH!?
HIS SHOOTING RANGE WAS COMPLETELY CUT OFF...
SEE YA LATER, ARI-KACHI!!
!
C'MON, EVERY-ONE ..

GO! SCORE THE GOAL!!

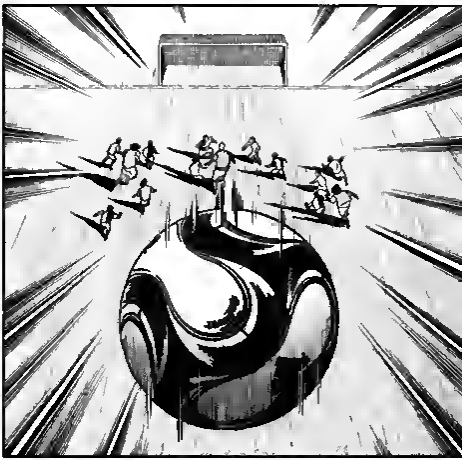
DAMN IT
SHIT!
YOU'RE IN THE WAY, MOVE!!


GO DO YER BEST
TODAY'S THE DAY YOU'LL MAKE YER VERY FIRST GOAL

MY VERY FIRST GOAL!!

THOSE THREE DID PRETTY WELL GETTING BACK.
THE FRONT OF THE GOAL'S ALL CROWDED

SO, WHO'S GONNA GET THE BALL?
HUFF
HUFF



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WAH!

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THESE KIDS!

PHEW, M..DE IT..
A RE-VERSE SPIN!?
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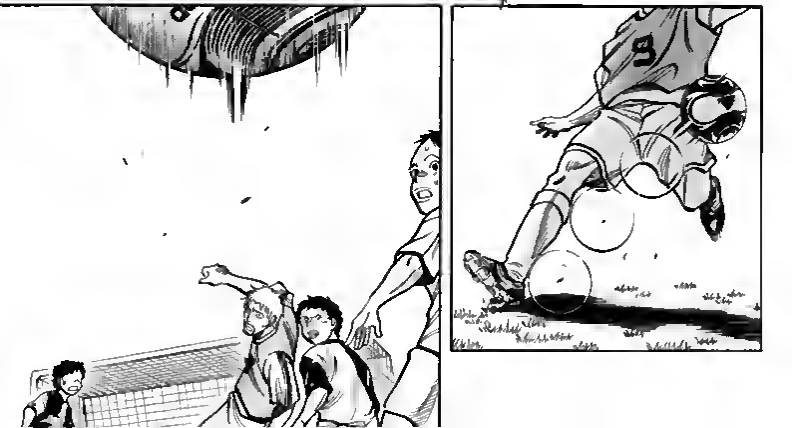

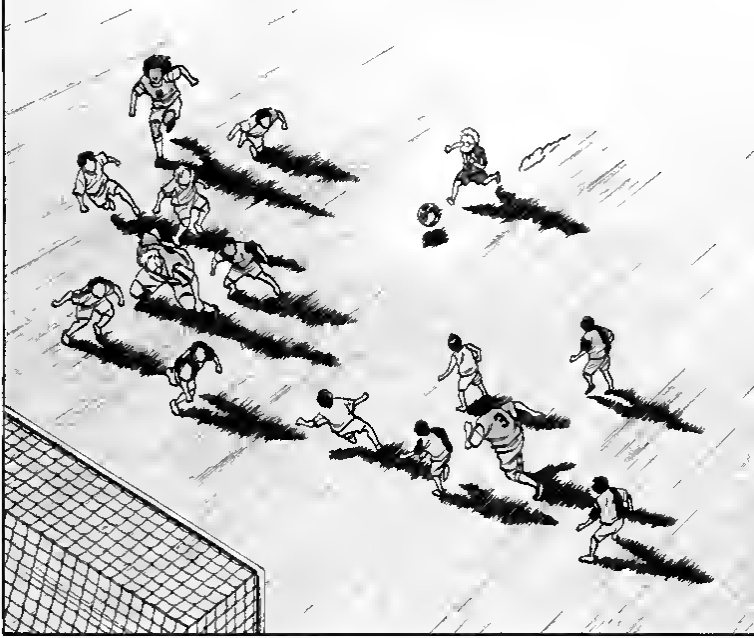

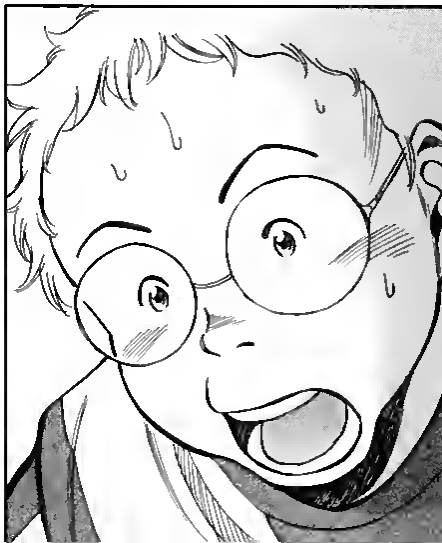

IT'S TOTALLY OPEN, ARIKACHI

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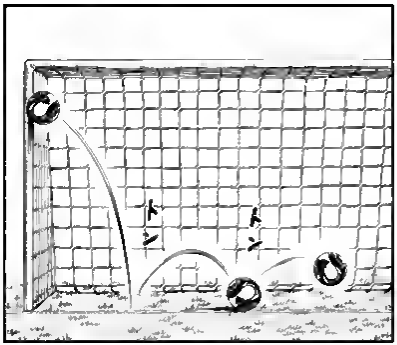

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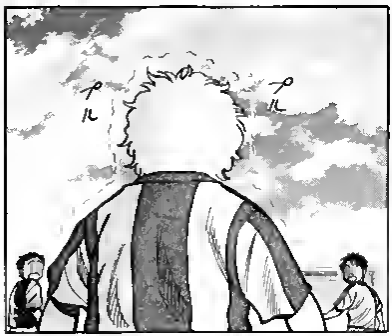

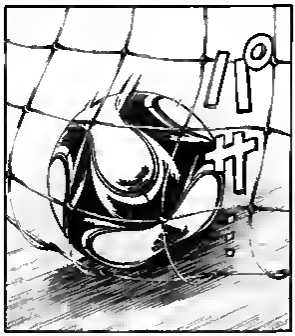

GO-
THE IMAGE INSIDE HIS HEAD
THE ONE WHO LEAD BRAZIL TO THEIR 5TH VICTORY IS ARIKACHI!!
THE WORLD CUP FINALS"
GOOOO AAAAAAA AAAAL!!

SAMBA OF JOY
WE WON!! WE WON!! WE BEAT A PRO TEAM!!

YOU DID IT, ARI-KACHI!!
NICE SHOT!!
Y, YEAH!!

KIDS BEAT A PRO TEAM!!

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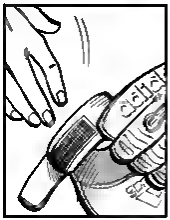

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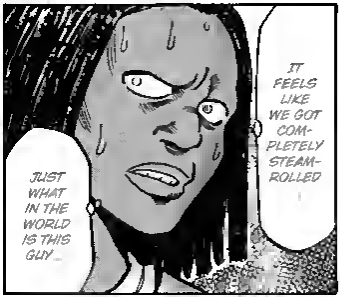
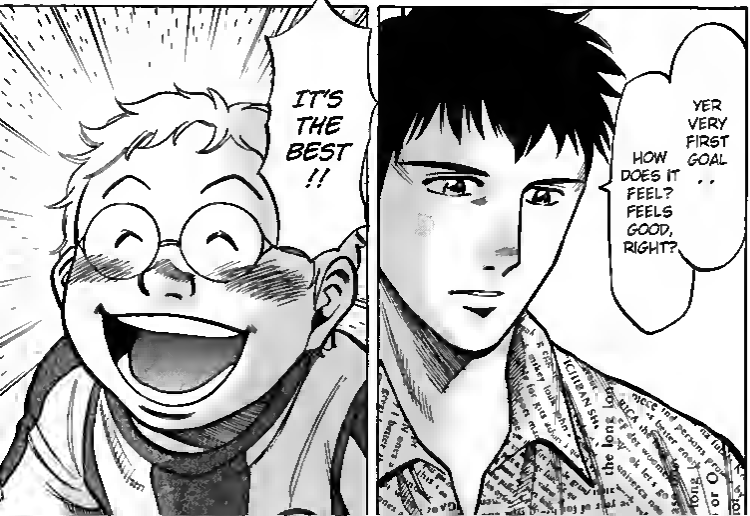
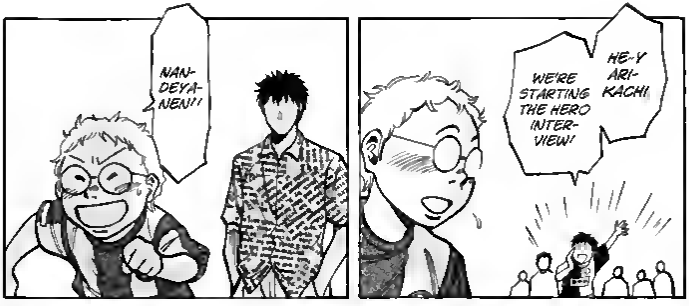

IT FEELS LIKE WE GOT COM-PLETELY STEAM-ROLLED
JUST WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS GUY...

TEA-CHER !!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
IF YOU HADN'T GIVEN ME SUCH AN AMAZING PASS,
I COULDN'T HAVE MADE THAT GOAL!!


IT'S THE BEST !!
YER VERY FIRST GOAL . .
HOW DOES IT FEEL? FEELS GOOD, RIGHT?


NAN-DEYA-NEN!!
HE-Y ARI-KACHI
WE'RE STARTING THE HERO INTER-VIEW!

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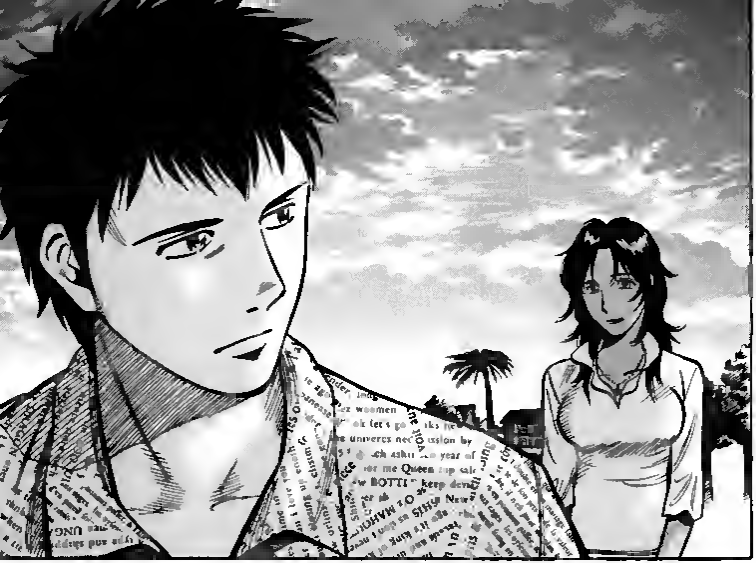
SUCH A JOYFUL FACE...



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PROB-
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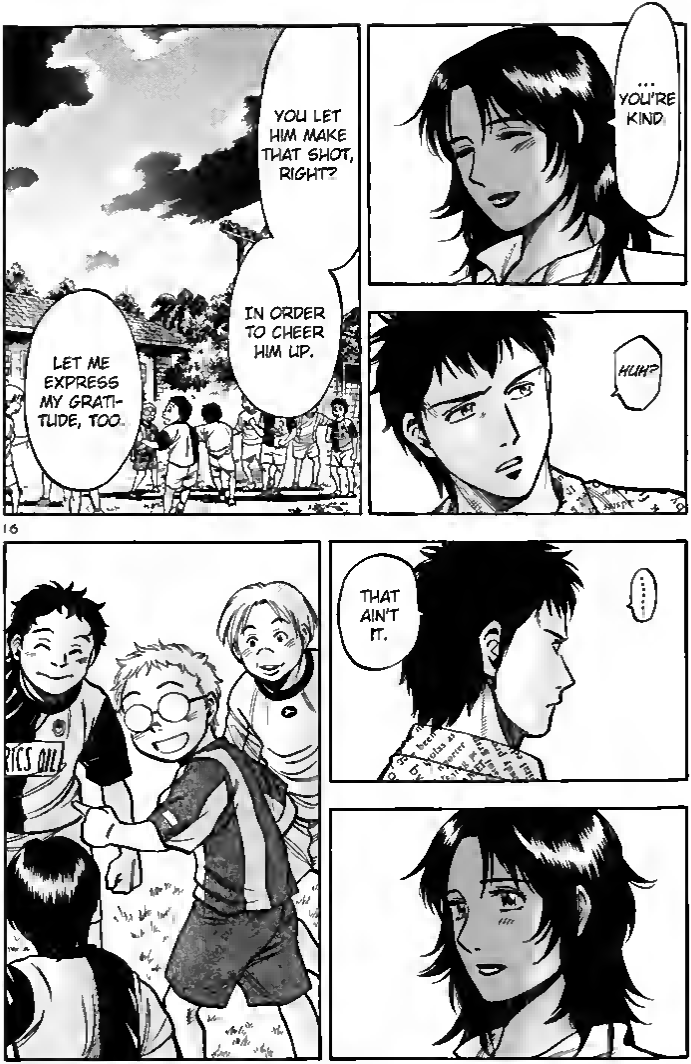
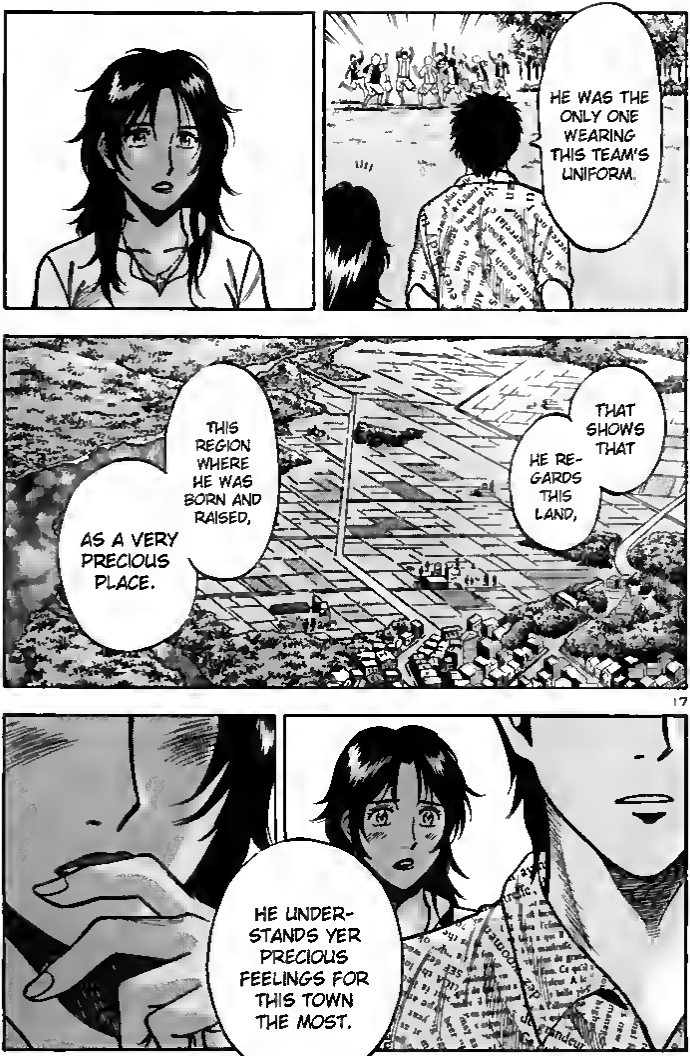
NOT
HE
WILL NEVER
FORGET WHAT
HAPPENED
TODAY FOR
THE REST OF
HIS LIFE


YOU LET HIM MAKE THAT SHOT, RIGHT?
IN ORDER TO CHEER HIM UP.
LET ME EXPRESS MY GRATI-TUDE, TOO.
...YOU'RE KIND
HUH?
THAT AIN'T IT.
....


HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WEARING THIS TEAM'S UNIFORM.
THAT SHOWS THAT HE REGARDS THIS LAND,
THIS REGION WHERE HE WAS BORN AND RAISED,
AS A VERY PRECIOUS PLACE.
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HE UNDERSTANDS YER PRECIOUS FEELINGS FOR THIS TOWN THE MOST.

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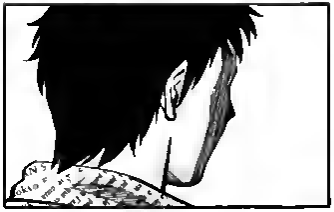


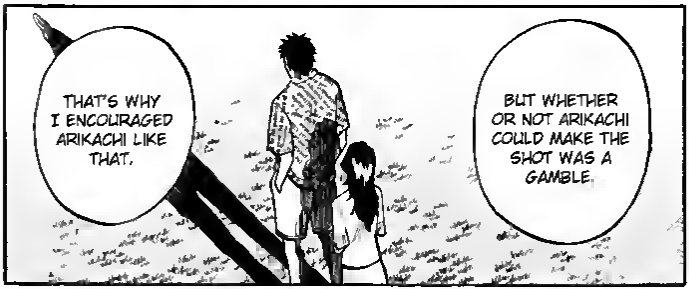
THAT'S WHY I WAS JEALOUS OF HIM.
MATSUMOTO-SAN
EH?
19
HE HAS SOMETHING I DON'T HAVE...

I DON'T HAVE THAT THING CALLED "ROOTS," WHICH IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE HUMAN HEART...
I LACK THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN A HUMAN.
SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORIES

THAT'S WHY I PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO HIM....

EVEN THE NAME, MATSU-MOTO, IS JUST A BOR-ROWED NAME.
MATSU-MOTO-SAN..
SINCE IT WAS ALL PLANNED OUT.
AND YA DON'T NEED TO THANK ME,
21
I KNEW FULL WELL ABOUT HOW SLOW ARIKACHI'S LEGS WERE
EH?

IT WAS ALL A SETUP TO COMPLETELY FREE ARIKACHI
I HAD EVERYONE RUN AS BAIT.
THAT'S WHY, IN ORDER TO FOOL THE THREE PLAYERS,


THAT'S WHY I ENCOURAGED ARIKACHI LIKE THAT.
BUT WHETHER OR NOT ARIKACHI COULD MAKE THE SHOT WAS A GAMBLE.

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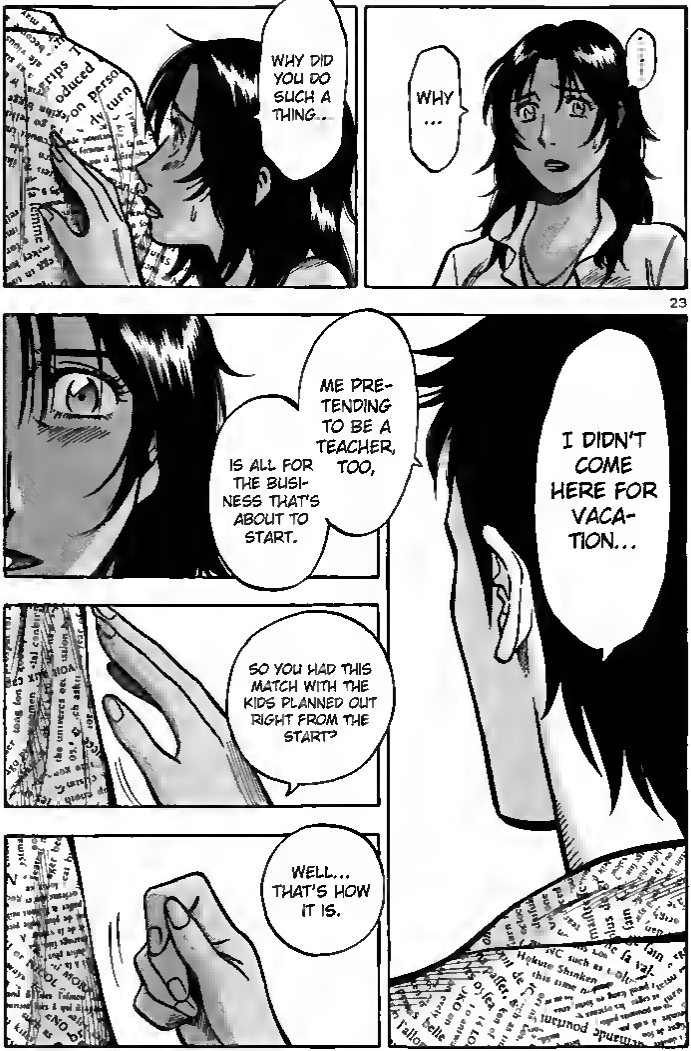
GO DO YER BEST.
IN THAT CASE, TODAY'S THE DAY YOU MAKE YER VERY FIRST GOAL.


WHY DID YOU DO SUCH A THING..
WHY ...
23
I DIDN'T COME HERE FOR VACATION...
ME PRETENDING TO BE A TEACHER, TOO,
IS ALL FOR THE BUSINESS THAT'S ABOUT TO START.
SO YOU HAD THIS MATCH WITH THE KIDS PLANNED OUT RIGHT FROM THE START?
WELL... THAT'S HOW IT IS.

"NAN DE YA-NEN!!"
YOU'LL MAKE YER VERY FIRST GOAL
IN THA CAS TODA THE
COPS & ROB-BERS?
IF TEACHER HADN'T GAVEN ME SUCH AN AMAZING PASS
I COULDN'T HAVE MADE THAT GOAL!!

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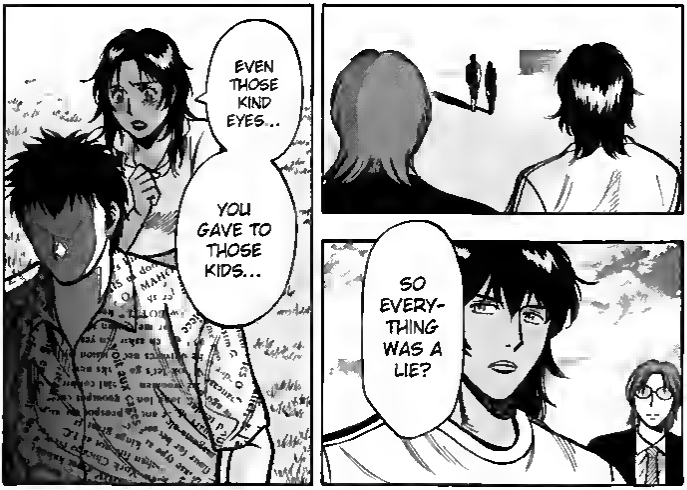
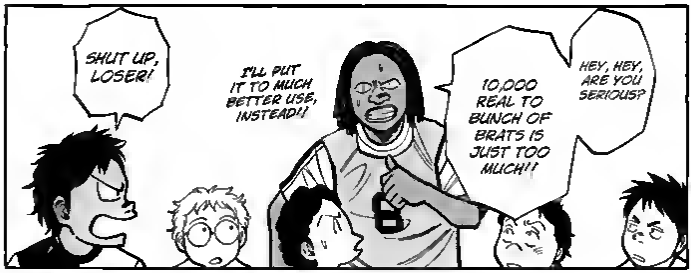

EVEN THOSE KIND EYES..
YOU GAVE TO THOSE KIDS...
SO EVERY-THING WAS A LIE?

HOR-
RIBLE,
ISN'T
IT...

AT THE MOMENT,
THIS IS THE
ONLY WAY OF
LIFE I HAVE.

YEAH, YEAH, WE ALMOST FOR GOT!!
THE 10,000 REAL YOU PROMISED TO THE WINNERS!!
10,000 REAL!!
THAT'S RIGHT!! THE 10,000 REAL REWARD !!
B.RICS OIL

OF COURSE, I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN.
YOU GUYS DID A SPLEN-DID JOB.
ARE CHECKS FINE?


HEY, HEY, ARE YOU SERIOUS?
10,000 REAL TO BUNCH OF BRATS IS JUST TOO MUCH!!
I'LL PUT IT TO MUCH BETTER USE, INSTEAD!!
SHUT UP, LOSER!

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DON'T ACCEPT SUCH THINGS.
EEH !?
WHY, TIAGO !?

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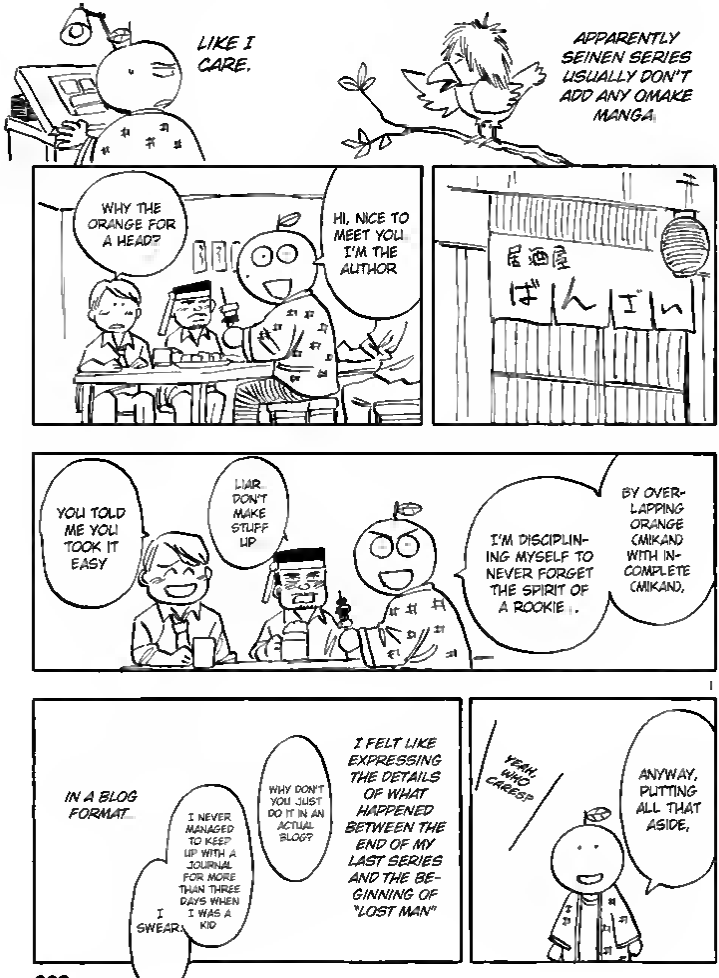
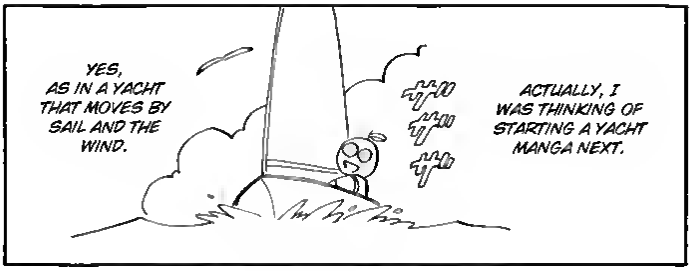
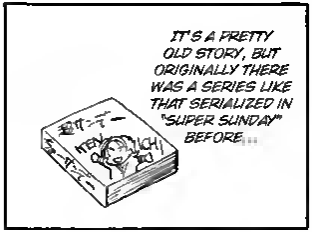
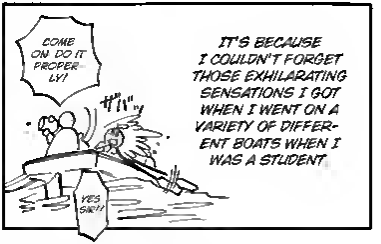
OMAKE MANGA

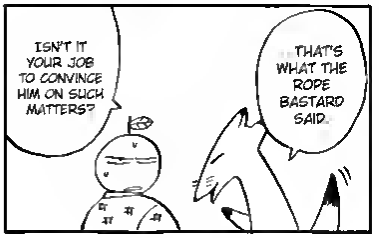
~ MY BLOG 1 ~


LIKE I CARE.
APPARENTLY SEINEN SERIES USUALLY DON'T ADD ANY OMAKE MANGA.
WHY THE ORANGE FOR A HEAD?
HI, NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M THE AUTHOR
居酒屋
ばんごい
YOU TOLD ME YOU TOOK IT EASY
LIAR. DON'T MAKE STUFF UP
I'M DISCIPLINING MYSELF TO NEVER FORGET THE SPIRIT OF A ROOKIE.
BY OVERLAPPING ORANGE (MIKAN) WITH INCOMPLETE (MIKAN).
IN A BLOG FORMAT.
I SWEAR.
I NEVER MANAGED TO KEEP UP WITH A JOURNAL FOR MORE THAN THREE DAYS WHEN I WAS A KID
WHY DON'T YOU JUST DO IT IN AN ACTUAL BLOG?
I FELT LIKE EXPRESSING THE DETAILS OF WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THE END OF MY LAST SERIES AND THE BEGINNING OF "LOST MAN"
YEAH, WHO CARES?
ANYWAY, PUTTING ALL THAT ASIDE,


YES, AS IN A YACHT THAT MOVES BY SAIL AND THE WIND.
ACTUALLY, I WAS THINKING OF STARTING A YACHT MANGA NEXT.


IT'S A PRETTY OLD STORY, BUT ORIGINALLY THERE WAS A SERIES LIKE THAT SERIALIZED IN "SUPER SUNDAY" BEFORE...


COME ON DO IT PROPERLY!
YES SIR!!
IT'S BECAUSE I COULDN'T FORGET THOSE EXHILARATING SENSATIONS I GOT WHEN I WENT ON A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT BOATS WHEN I WAS A STUDENT.


ISN'T IT YOUR JOB TO CONVINCE HIM ON SUCH MATTERS?
...THAT'S WHAT THE ROPE BASTARD SAID.

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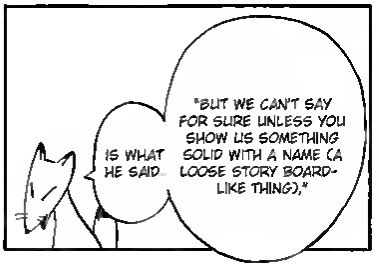
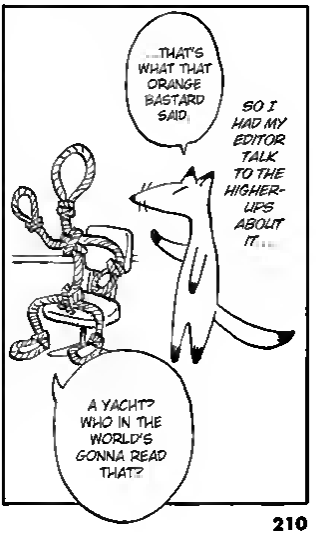
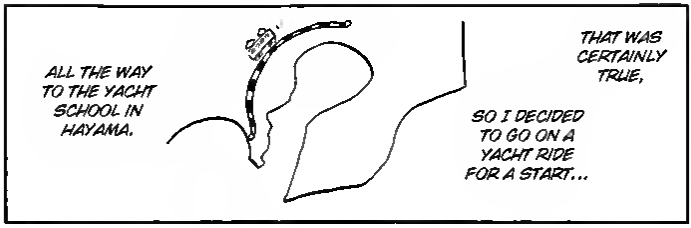
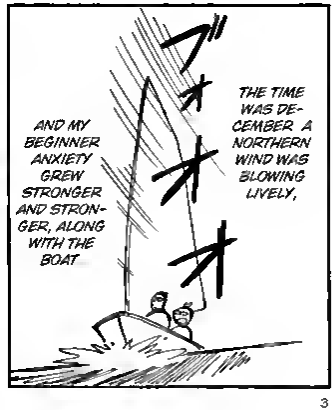

IS WHAT HE SAID.
"BUT WE CAN'T SAY FOR SURE UNLESS YOU SHOW US SOMETHING SOLID WITH A NAME (A LOOSE STORY BOARD-LIKE THING),"


...THAT'S WHAT THAT ORANGE BASTARD SAID.
SO I HAD MY EDITOR TALK TO THE HIGHER-UPS ABOUT IT...
A YACHT? WHO IN THE WORLD'S GONNA READ THAT?


ALL THE WAY TO THE YACHT SCHOOL IN HAYAMA.
SO I DECIDED TO GO ON A YACHT RIDE FOR A START...
THAT WAS CERTAINLY TRUE,

OF A LAID BACK, CALM VACATIONING UNDER A CALM, SUMMER SKY....
UMM, MY IDEA OF A YACHT RIDE IS MORE
DAI-CHAN SENSEI THE IN-STRUCTOR


AND MY BEGINNER ANXIETY GREW STRONGER AND STRONGER, ALONG WITH THE BOAT
THE TIME WAS DECEMBER A NORTHERN WIND WAS BLOWING LIVELY,

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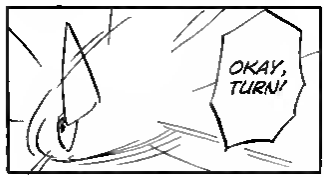
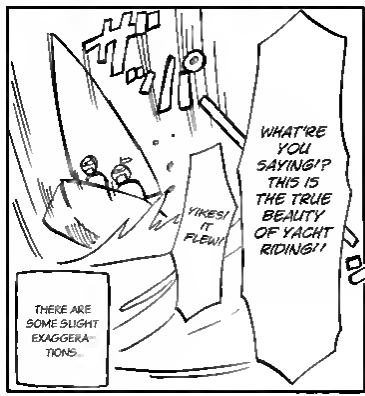
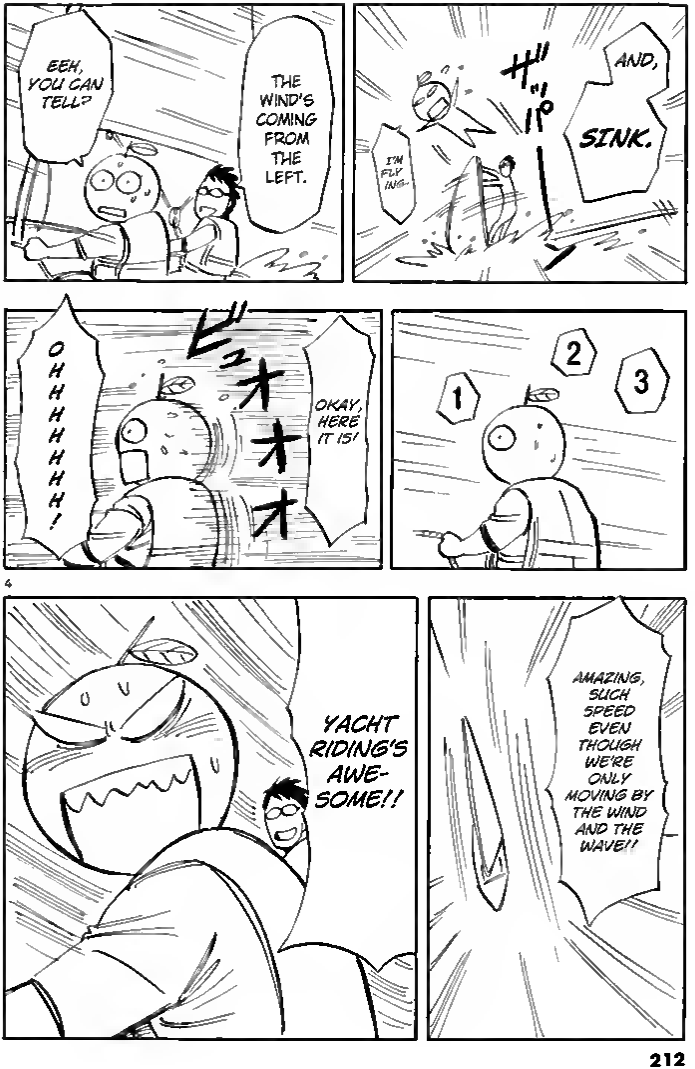

OKAY, TURN!

HERE'S THE JUMP~


WHAT'RE YOU SAYING!? THIS IS THE TRUE BEAUTY OF YACHT RIDING!!
YIKES! IT FLEW!
THERE ARE SOME SLIGHT EXAGGERATIONS...


EEH, YOU CAN TELL?
THE WIND'S COMING FROM THE LEFT.
I'M FLYING.
AND,
SINK.
OHHHHHHH!
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OKAY, HERE IT IS!
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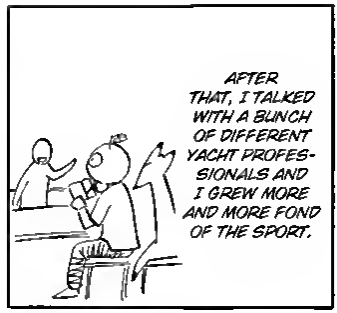
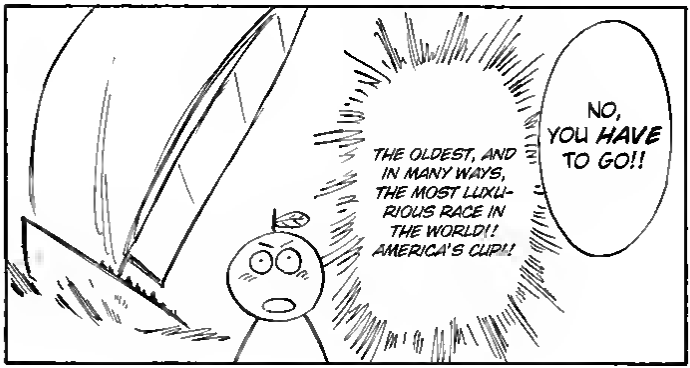
YACHT RIDING'S AWE-SOME!!
AMAZING, SUCH SPEED EVEN THOUGH WE'RE ONLY MOVING BY THE WIND AND THE WAVE!!

RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE HOLDING AMERICA'S CUP IN BARCELONA, SPAIN. WHY DON'T YOU GO VISIT?
AND WHEN I TALKED WITH A MAN FROM THE MAGAZINE, "KAZI",


AFTER THAT, I TALKED WITH A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT YACHT PROFESSIONALS AND I GREW MORE AND MORE FOND OF THE SPORT.


NO, YOU HAVE TO GO!!
THE OLDEST, AND IN MANY WAYS, THE MOST LUXURIOUS RACE IN THE WORLD!! AMERICA'S CUP!!

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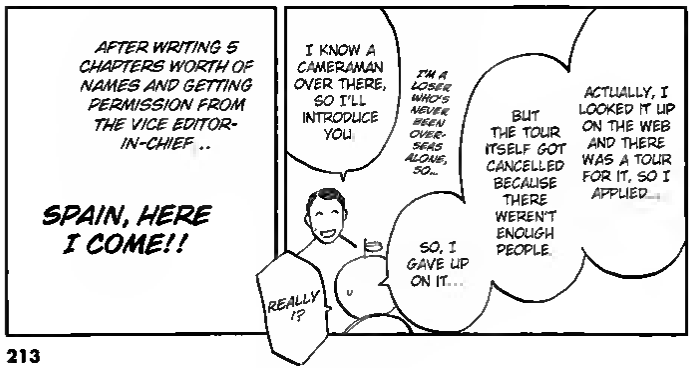
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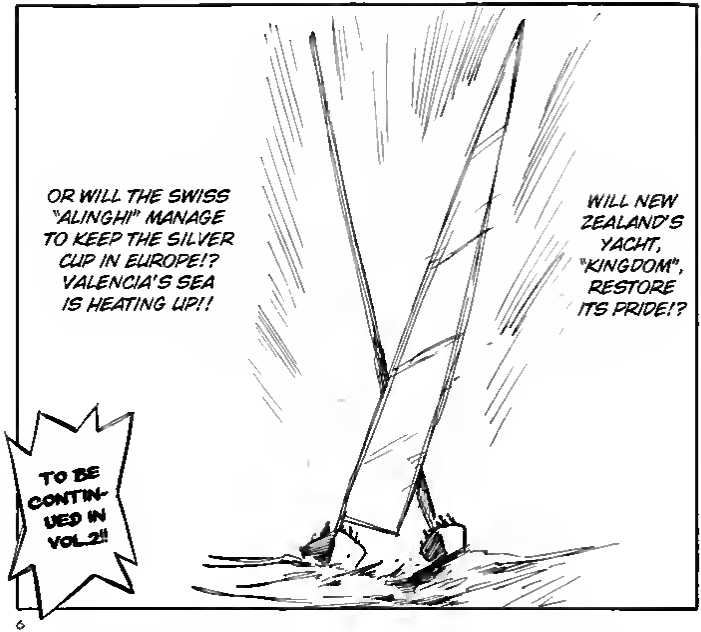
SPAIN, HERE I COME!!
I KNOW A CAMERAMAN OVER THERE, SO I'LL INTRODUCE YOU.
I'M A LOSER WHO'S NEVER BEEN OVERSEAS ALONE, SO...
ACTUALLY, I LOOKED IT UP ON THE WEB AND THERE WAS A TOUR FOR IT, SO I APPLIED...
BUT THE TOUR ITSELF GOT CANCELLED BECAUSE THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH PEOPLE.
SO, I GAVE UP ON IT...
REALLY!?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WILL NEW ZEALAND'S YACHT, "KINGDOM", RESTORE ITS PRIDE!?
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EH? WHAT, WHAT? IN A CERTAIN MAJOR SEINEN MAGAZINE? THE GREAT VETERAN, DAI-SENSEI'S NEW SERIALIZATION? A YACHT MANGA...? FROM NEXT MONTH?

HMMM, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE LATEST ISSUE? HMM...

TSK TSK

SO, IMMEDIATELY AFTER MAKING A PROUD RETURN FROM SPAIN WITH TONS OF NEW MATERIALS AND A BURNING PASSION FOR THE STORY...

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